

HOUSE No. 1739

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 19, 1909.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives.

I return herewith without my approval an act entitled "An Act Relative to the Salaries of the Justice and Clerk of the Fourth District Court of Bristol."

This bill provides for the raising of the salaries of the justice and clerk of the Fourth District Court of Bristol County to the salaries paid in Class F under chapter 453 of the Acts of 1904. The latter act was a general act which provided for the pay of justices and clerks of courts of the various districts throughout the Commonwealth, and is based on the accurately ascertained population of each district.

I am informed that while the population of the Fourth District of Bristol County may be 30,000, it has not been ascertained definitely to be a fact and cannot be until the next regular census is taken.

Under these circumstances if these salaries were raised it might well work an injustice on other justices and clerks in the Commonwealth, who would have an equal claim to higher salaries and who are not receiving them.

It seems to me that this is not a wise measure, and that the salaries ought not to be raised until the population is accurately determined by census to be within the requirements of the general law.

For the reasons given I return this bill without my approval.

EBEN S. DRAPER.

