
By Mr. Harmon, a petition of Samuel Harmon for legislation relative to the compensation of the justices of several courts of the Commonwealth and of certain registers of probate. the Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE JUSTICES OF SEVERAL COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF CERTAIN REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 14 of Chapter 185 of the General Laws,
2 as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 845 of the
3 acts of 1969, is hereby further amended by striking out the
4 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
5 sentence: — The judge and associate judges of the land court
6 shall each receive a salary of thirty-five thousand dollars and
7 each shall annually receive, upon the certificate of the judge,
8 the amount of expenses incurred by him in the discharge of
9 his duties, to be paid by the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 211 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 22, as most recently amended
3 by section 2 of said chapter 845 and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 22.* The chief justice of the court shall receive a
6 salary of forty thousand dollars, and each associate justice a
7 salary of thirty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars, and the
8 chief justice and each associate justice shall annually receive
9 from the commonwealth, upon certificate of the chief justice,
10 the amount of expenses incurred by them in the discharge of
11 their duties. Such justices shall devote their entire time during
12 ordinary business hours to their respective duties and shall
13 not, directly or indirectly, engage in the practice of law.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 212 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 27, as most recently amended
3 by section 3 of said chapter 845, and inserting in place thereof
4 the following section: —

5 *Section 27.* The chief justice shall receive a salary of
6 thirty-six thousand three hundred dollars and each associate
7 justice a salary of thirty-five thousand dollars, and the chief
8 justice and each associate justice shall annually receive from
9 the commonwealth, upon the certificate of the chief justice,
10 the amount of the expenses incurred by them in the discharge
11 of their duties. Such justices shall devote their entire time dur-
12 ing business hours to their respective duties and shall not,
13 directly or indirectly, engage in the practice of law.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 34, as most recently amended
3 by section 2 of chapter 845 of the acts of 1969, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 34.* The salaries of all judges of probate shall be
6 paid by the commonwealth except for the salary of the judge
7 of probate designated under section two A to have and per-
8 form the duties described in section eight, and are hereby
9 established as follows: —

<i>County</i>	<i>Salaries</i>
Suffolk	\$31,300
Middlesex	31,300
Norfolk	31,300
Essex	31,300
Hampden	31,300
Worcester	31,300
Bristol	31,300
Plymouth	31,300
Barnstable	31,300
Berkshire	31,300
Franklin	31,300
Hampshire	31,300
Dukes	11,400
Nantucket	11,400

10 The judge designated under section two A shall, irrespective
11 of the county in which he serves as a judge of probate, receive
12 a salary of thirty-two thousand three hundred dollars for his
13 combined services as chief judge and judge of probate.

1 SECTION 5. Section 35A of said chapter 217 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second sentence, as most recently
3 amended by section 5 of chapter 845 of the acts of 1969, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The
5 salaries of the registers of probate in the counties of Dukes
6 and Nantucket shall be nine thousand four hundred dollars.

1 SECTION 6. The second paragraph of section 6 of chapter 218
2 of the General Laws, as amended by section 6 of said chapter
3 845, is hereby further amended by striking out the second sen-
4 tence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —
5 He shall receive a salary of thirty-one thousand three hundred
6 dollars for his combines services as chief justice and as justice
7 of the court to which he was appointed.

1 SECTION 7. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended
2 by striking out section 75, as most recently amended by sec-
3 tion 7 of said chapter 845, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 75.* The salary of the chief justice of the municipal
6 court of the city of Boston shall be thirty-one thousand three
7 hundred dollars, and the salary of each of the associate jus-
8 tices shall be thirty thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 8. Said chapter 218 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 76, as most recently amended by section 8
3 of said chapter 845, and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing section: —

5 *Section 76.* The salary of the justice of the Boston juvenile
6 court shall be thirty thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 9. The first paragraph of section 77A of said
2 chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out the word

3 “twenty-five”, inserted by section 9 of said chapter 845 and
4 inserting in place thereof the word: — thirty.

1 SECTION 10. Section 78 of said chapter 218 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently
3 amended by section 10 of said chapter 845, of the acts of 1969,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 The salary of the justice of each of the following district
6 courts

7 district court of eastern Essex.

8 district court of Newburyport.

9 district court of Chicopee.

10 shall be twelve thousand one hundred dollars;

11 the salary of the justice of each of the following district
12 courts

13 district court of Leominster,

14 district court of northern Berkshire,

15 district court of Natick,

16 district court of western Worcester,

17 second district court of Essex,

18 fourth district court of Berkshire,

19 district court of eastern Hampshire,

20 district court of southern Berkshire,

21 district court of Lee,

22 shall be eleven thousand dollars;

23 the salary of the justice of each of the following district
24 courts

25 third district court of Essex,

26 district court of Winchendon,

27 district court of eastern Franklin,

28 district court of Williamstown,

29 shall be nine thousand dollars

30 the salary of the justices of each of the following district
31 courts

32 district court of Dukes County,

33 district court of Nantucket

34 shall be ten thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 11. Section 77B of said chapter 218 is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing
3 in section 15 of chapter 810 of the acts of 1963, and inserting
4 in place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 Special justices, when sitting at the order of the chief
6 justice of the district courts, shall receive from the county in
7 which they sit payment computed at the rate by the day of
8 the salary of the justice of the district court in which they
9 sit, or fifty dollars per day, whichever is greater.

1 SECTION 12. This act shall take effect as of January first,
2 nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

By Mr. [Name] and Mr. [Name]

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