

By Mr. Healy of Charlemont, petition of Jonathan L. Healy relative to the transfer of judges in order to expedite justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin and Hampshire. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT TO PREVENT DELAY IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUDICIAL BUSINESS IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

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 9 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 section 110 of chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, is hereby amended in
3 the last paragraph by adding the following sentence: — Notwith-
4 standing the provisions of the second paragraph of this section, the
5 said chief administrative justice, in order to provide for the speedy
6 administration of justice in the counties of Berkshire, Franklin and
7 Hampshire, shall designate from time to time justices in other
8 departments as justices of the superior court, with power to grant
9 relief to the same extent as a justice appointed to the superior court
10 department, in such a manner that a matter before the superior
11 court department in any of said counties may be brought before a
12 justice of the trial court in the same county upon application and
13 notice by a party to said matter. Said application shall be made to
14 the chief administrative justice, to the administrative justice of the
15 superior court department and, if practicable, to the administrative
16 justice of the department in which a justice is to be designated.

