

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of John J. Droney and W. Paul White relative to assistant district attorneys in the Northern District, Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEYS IN THE  
NORTHERN DISTRICT.

*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 12 of the General Laws is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the third paragraph, as amended  
3 by section 1 of chapter 1117 of the Acts of 1971, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 For The Northern District, nineteen assistant district attorneys.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 12 is hereby further amended by  
2 striking out section 16, paragraph one, as most recently amended  
3 by section 2 of chapter 542 of the Acts of 1976, and inserting in  
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 16.* Assistant district attorneys shall devote their time  
6 during ordinary business hours to their duties, shall neither  
7 directly nor indirectly engage in the practice of law and shall  
8 receive from the commonwealth salaries as follows: *for the*  
9 *Suffolk district*, two assistants, a sum equivalent to ninety per  
10 cent of the salary of the district attorney; eight assistants, a sum  
11 equivalent to eighty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
12 seven assistants, a sum equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary  
13 of the district attorney; ten assistants, a sum equivalent to sixty  
14 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; six assistants, a sum  
15 equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; all  
16 other assistants, a sum equivalent to forty per cent of the salary of  
17 the district attorney; *for the Northern district*, two assistants, a  
18 sum equivalent to ninety per cent of the salary of the district

19 attorney; five assistants, a sum equivalent to eighty per cent of the  
20 salary of the district attorney; five assistants, a sum equivalent to  
21 seventy per cent of the salary of the district attorney; three  
22 assistants, a sum equivalent to sixty per cent of the salary of the  
23 district attorney; four assistants, a sum equivalent to fifty per cent  
24 of the salary of the district attorney; all other assistant district  
25 attorneys not otherwise covered by another section of this  
26 chapter, a sum equal to forty per cent of the salary of the district  
27 attorney; for the middle district, one assistant, a sum equivalent  
28 to ninety per cent of the salary of the district attorney; two  
29 assistants, a sum equivalent to eighty per cent of the salary of the  
30 district attorney; four assistants, a sum equivalent to seventy per  
31 cent of the salary of the district attorney; four assistants, a sum  
32 equivalent to sixty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
33 three assistants, a sum equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of  
34 the district attorney; all other assistant district attorneys a sum  
35 equivalent to forty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
36 for the Eastern District, one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety  
37 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; one assistant, a sum  
38 equivalent to eighty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
39 two assistants, a sum equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary  
40 of the district attorney; three assistants, a sum equivalent to sixty  
41 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; two assistants, a sum  
42 equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; all  
43 other assistant district attorneys a sum equivalent to forty per  
44 cent of the salary of the district attorney; for the Norfolk district,  
45 one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety per cent of the salary of  
46 the district attorney; two assistants, a sum equivalent to eighty  
47 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; two assistants, a sum  
48 equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary of the district  
49 attorney; all other assistant district attorneys, a sum equivalent to  
50 forty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; for the  
51 Western district, one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety per  
52 cent of the salary of the district attorney; one assistant, a sum  
53 equivalent to eighty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
54 one assistant, a sum equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary of  
55 the district attorney; three assistants, a sum equivalent to sixty  
56 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; two assistants, a sum  
57 equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; all

58 other assistant district attorneys, a sum equivalent to forty per  
59 cent of the salary of the district attorney; for the Bristol district,  
60 one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety per cent of the salary of  
61 the district attorney; one assistant, a sum equivalent to seventy  
62 per cent of the salary of the district attorney; two assistants, a sum  
63 equivalent to sixty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
64 two assistants a sum equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of  
65 the district attorney; all other assistant district attorneys, a sum  
66 equivalent to forty per cent of the salary of the district attorney;  
67 for the Cape and Islands district, one assistant, a sum equivalent  
68 to ninety per cent of the salary of the district attorney; one  
69 assistant, a sum equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary of the  
70 district attorney; one assistant, a sum equivalent to sixty per cent  
71 of the salary of the district attorney; one assistant, a sum  
72 equivalent to fifty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; all  
73 other assistant district attorneys, a sum equivalent to forty per  
74 cent of the salary of the district attorney; for the Plymouth  
75 district, one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety per cent of the  
76 salary of the district attorney; two assistants, a sum equivalent to  
77 eighty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; one assistant,  
78 a sum equivalent to seventy per cent of the salary of the district  
79 attorney; two assistants, a sum equivalent to sixty per cent of the  
80 salary of the district attorney; one assistant, a sum equivalent to  
81 fifty per cent of the salary of the district attorney; all other  
82 assistant district attorneys, a sum equivalent to forty per cent of  
83 the salary of the district attorney; and for the Northwestern  
84 district, one assistant, a sum equivalent to ninety per cent of the  
85 salary of the district attorney; one assistant, a sum equivalent to  
86 seventy per cent of the salary of the district attorney; one  
87 assistant, a sum equivalent to sixty per cent of the salary of the  
88 district attorney; two assistants, a sum equivalent to fifty per cent  
89 of the salary of the district attorney; all other assistant district  
90 attorneys, a sum equivalent to forty per cent of the salary of the  
91 district attorney.

