

By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro relative to the compensation of the clerks and assistant clerks of the various district courts. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR JUST COMPENSATION OF THE CLERKS AND ASSISTANT CLERKS OF THE VARIOUS DISTRICT COURTS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to
2 defeat its purpose, which is to provide just compensation to the
3 clerks and assistant clerks of the district court system in light of
4 the ruling of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court which
5 prohibits the practice of law by said clerks and assistant clerks,
6 therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
7 for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

8 Section seventy-nine, paragraph (2) of chapter 218 of the
9 General Laws is hereby amended by striking out said paragraph
10 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

11 (2) The clerk of a Class I court shall receive as salary a sum
12 equivalent to seventy-five, eighty, and eighty-five per cent of the
13 salary of a full time justice of a district court as of January 1,
14 nineteen hundred and seventy-seven, seventy-eight, and seventy-
15 nine respectively, and said clerk shall devote his entire time
16 during ordinary business hours to his duties and shall not,
17 directly or indirectly, engage in the practice of law; the clerk of a
18 Class II court shall receive as salary a sum equivalent to fifty-five,
19 sixty, and sixty-five per cent of the salary of a full time justice of a
20 district court as of January 1, nineteen hundred and seventy-
21 seven, seventy-eight, and seventy-nine respectively; the clerk of a

22 Class III court shall receive as a salary a sum equivalent to forty-
23 five, fifty, and fifty-five per cent of the salary of a full time justice
24 of a district court as of January 1, nineteen hundred and seventy-
25 seven, seventy-eight and seventy-nine respectively; and the clerk
26 of a Class IV court shall receive as salary a sum equivalent to
27 forty, forty-five, and fifty per cent of the salary of a full time
28 justice of a district court as of January 1, nineteen hundred
29 seventy-seven, seventy-eight, and seventy-nine respectively.