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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution, I am returning, herewith House Bill No. 1001, entitled "An Act Providing for the Appointment of an Additional Assistant Clerk in the Fourth District Court of Plymouth."

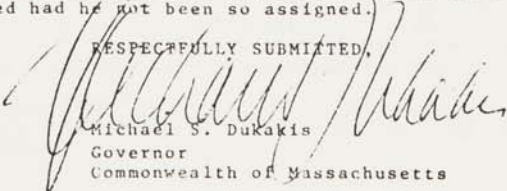
H.1001 would add a second assistant clerk for the fourth district court of Plymouth county, which sits at Wareham. That court now has one assistant clerk.

I am returning this bill with substantially the same amendment, for the same reasons, as the bill adding an assistant clerk in the district court of Holyoke (H.1182) which I am also returning today. The message accompanying H.1182 adequately summarizes these reasons. I believe that the property taxpayers of Plymouth County, no less than those of Hampden County, are entitled to the most efficient use of current judicial personnel before any new positions are created.

I therefore recommend that H.1001 be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:-

The chief justice of the district court may, from time to time, until July 1, 1978, assign one or more assistant clerks or other suitable persons on the staff of a district court in Plymouth County within a reasonable distance of the town of Wareham to act as a temporary assistant clerk of the fourth district court of Plymouth, if he determines that the business of said court requires such an assignment. Said temporary assistant clerk shall have all the powers and may perform all the duties of an assistant clerk of said court, and shall be compensated at the rate he would have otherwise received had he not been so assigned.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


Michael S. Dukakis
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