

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi, Thomas M. Petrolati and John H. Rogers for legislation to establish "senior status" for justices who have attained eligibility for full pensions. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SENIOR STATUS FOR JUSTICES.

*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 65 of chapter 32 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following subsection 65I:—

3 65I. At any time after a justice achieves eligibility for full pen-  
4 sion, or the equivalent pursuant to MGL c 32, s 65H, such justice  
5 may elect Senior Status. Upon election of Senior Status, such jus-  
6 tice shall be required to work a minimum of 100 days per year.  
7 Such justice shall be entitled to any increases in judicial salary  
8 while on Senior Status but shall not accrue further sick, vacation  
9 or education leave. The Senior Status justice may utilize previ-  
10 ously accrued sick or vacation leave or defer compensation for  
11 such accrued sick or vacation leave until final conclusion of judi-  
12 cial service.

13 Upon election of Senior Status the judicial position to which  
14 such justice had been appointed would be deemed vacant.

