

By Mr. DiMasi of Boston, petition of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the appointment of deputy assistant registers of probate in certain probate courts. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE REGISTER OF PROBATE.

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 28 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 1996 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out in lines three through six, inclusive, the second sen-
4 tence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:—

5 The register of said court may, subject to the approval of the
6 chief justice, designate certain employees as deputy assistant reg-
7 isters with the same powers as assistant registers and may, with
8 the approval of the chief justice, revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 2. Section 29 of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines seven through ten,
3 inclusive, the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:—

5 The register of said court may, subject to the approval of the
6 chief justice, designate certain employees as deputy assistant reg-
7 isters with the same powers as assistant registers and may, with
8 the approval of the chief justice, revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 3. Section 29A of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines seven through ten,
3 inclusive, the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:—

5 The register of said court may, subject to the approval of the
6 chief justice, designate one employee as deputy assistant register
7 with the same powers as an assistant register and may, with the
8 approval of the chief justice, revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 4. Section 29B of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines seven through ten,
3 inclusive, the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:—

5 The register of said court may, subject to the approval of the
6 chief justice, designate one employee as deputy assistant register
7 with the same powers as an assistant register and may, with the
8 approval of the chief justice, revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 5. Section 29C of Chapter 217, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out in lines one through four, inclu-
3 sive, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence:—

5 The register of the Barnstable probate court may, with the
6 approval of the chief justice of the probate court, designate one
7 employee as deputy assistant register with the same powers as an
8 assistant register and may, with the approval of the chief justice,
9 revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 6. Section 29D of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines one through four, inclu-
3 sive, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence:—

5 The register of the Berkshire probate court may, with the
6 approval of the chief justice of the probate court, designate one
7 employee as deputy assistant register with the same powers as an
8 assistant register and may, with the approval of the chief justice,
9 revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 7. Section 29E of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines one through four, inclu-
3 sive, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence:—

5 The register of the Hampden probate court may, with the
6 approval of the chief justice of the probate court, designate certain
7 employee as deputy assistant registers with the same powers as
8 assistant registers and may, with the approval of the chief justice,
9 revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 8. Section 29F of said chapter 217, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out in lines one through four, inclu-
3 sive, the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following
4 sentence:—

5 The register of the Worcester probate court may, with the
6 approval of the chief justice of the probate court, designate one
7 employee as deputy assistant register with same powers as an
8 assistant register and may, with the approval of the chief justice,
9 revoke any such designation.

1 SECTION 9. Section 23 of said chapter 217, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking it out in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:—

4 Section 23. The register of each court of the probate and family
5 court department may, with the approval of the chief justice of the
6 probate court, appoint for a term of three years, and may, with the
7 approval of said chief justice, remove, a first assistant register of
8 probate. Before entering upon the performance of his duties, a
9 first assistant register shall take the oath prescribed by the consti-
10 tution, and shall give bond to the state treasurer for the faithful
11 performance of his official duties in a sum not less than five hun-
12 dred nor more than five thousand dollars, as ordered by the reg-
13 ister, with one or more sureties approved by him.

1 SECTION 10. Section 32A of said chapter 217, as so
2 appearing, is hereby amended by striking out in line two the
3 words, “first justices”, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 word:— registers

