

By Mr. Nagle of Northampton, petition of William P. Nagle, Jr., James G. Collins and William A. Carey relative to the appointment of assistant registrars of probate and messengers in the Hampshire Division of the Probate and Family Court Department. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN POSITIONS AT THE HAMPSHIRE DIVISION OF THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT.

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. Said Chapter 217 is hereby further amended by
2 striking out section 23A as appearing in section 148 of Chapter 478
3 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in place thereof the following
4 section: —

5 *Section 23A.* In addition to the first assistant registers of pro-
6 bate provided for in section twenty-three, the judges of the respec-
7 tive divisions of the probate and family court department for the
8 following counties may appoint assistant registers with the same
9 powers and duties. Said appointments shall be as follows: —

- 10 Barnstable, one assistant register
- 11 Berkshire, one assistant register
- 12 Bristol, three assistant registers
- 13 Essex, three assistant registers
- 14 Hampden, three assistant registers
- 15 Hampshire, one assistant register
- 16 Middlesex, five assistant registers
- 17 Norfolk, five assistant registers
- 18 Plymouth, three assistant registers
- 19 Suffolk, five assistant registers
- 20 Worcester, four assistant registers

21 SECTION 2. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby
22 amended by striking out section 31, as amended by section 156 of
23 Chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, and by inserting in place thereof
24 the following section: —

25 *Section 31.* The justices of the respective divisions of the pro-
26 bate and family court department may appoint the following
27 number of messengers for their respective divisions: —

28 Middlesex, three messengers

29 Essex, one messenger

30 Suffolk, one messenger

31 Hampden, five messengers

32 Norfolk, three messengers

33 Bristol, two messengers

34 Hampshire, one messenger

35 Said justices may remove said messengers at their pleasure, and
36 may fill vacancies caused by removal or otherwise. Said mes-
37 sengers shall wait upon the court and perform such duties as the
38 judges may direct, including duty as court officers. They shall,
39 while in attendance on the court, wear uniforms, such as the
40 administrative justice shall order, to be furnished at the expense of
41 the Commonwealth.