

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1604**

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By Mr. O'Flaherty of Chelsea, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1604) of Eugene L. O'Flaherty relative to the authority of the Chief Justice for Administration and Management for the Trial Court and the jurisdiction of employees of said court, The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Eugene L. O'Flaherty**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to employees of the trial court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Suffolk

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE TRIAL COURT.

*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. Chapter 211B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by striking out section 9A and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

3 Section 9A. All chief court officers, assistant chief court officers and court officers appointed at  
4 any time, including messengers appointed pursuant to section thirty-one of chapter two hundred and  
5 seventeen, whether appointed prior to or after January first, nineteen hundred and ninety-three, to any  
6 department of the trial court shall be employees of the chief justice for administration and management  
7 who shall have the authority to appoint, dismiss, define the duties of, assign, transfer and discipline said  
8 chief court officers, assistant chief court officers and court officers within the trial court departments as he  
9 deems necessary for the administration of justice and for public safety. Such court officers shall, when  
10 required, attend the sessions of the court, shall preserve order, provide security, and may serve warrants,  
11 mittimus, precepts, and orders and processes of the court and shall perform such other duties as the  
12 chief justice for administration and management may assign.

13 Such court officers shall, while on duty, wear uniforms approved by the chief justice for  
14 administration and management, which shall be furnished at the expense of the commonwealth.

15 Each court officer shall give bond for faithful performance of his duties in the sum of one  
16 thousand dollars payable to the General Fund, with sufficient sureties, approved by the chief justice of  
17 administration and management.