

HOUSE No. 2941

By Mr. Frank of Boston, petition of Barney Frank relative to establishing a language resource center for the courts of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A LANGUAGE RESOURCE CENTER FOR THE COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 211 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting after section 3F the following section:—
- 3 *Section 3F.* There shall be in the office of the executive
- 4 secretary a director of the language resource center, appointed
- 5 by the justices of the Supreme Judicial Court. The director shall
- 6 be responsible for developing and coordinating a program to
- 7 provide all courts in the Commonwealth with technical
- 8 assistance to facilitate proceedings, at all stages thereof, in which
- 9 witnesses or parties are not fluent in English.
- 10 The salary of the director shall be set by the Supreme Judicial
- 11 Court. He shall submit to the executive secretary an annual
- 12 report of the activities of the language resource center. The
- 13 director, with the approval of the executive secretary, shall
- 14 appoint a clerical assistant, whose salary shall be set by the
- 15 executive secretary.

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