

HOUSE No. 1360

By Mr. White of Boston, petition of John Philip White for legislation to regulate the administration and salaries of the district courts of the county of Suffolk. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regulating the Administration and Salaries of the
District Courts of Suffolk County.

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. There shall be appointed by the gov-
2 ernor a chief justice, who shall be one of the presiding
3 justices of one of the district courts of Suffolk county,
4 whose duty it shall be to assign all associate justices
5 to the several district courts of Suffolk county as the
6 volume of work requires.

7 The present special justices shall be henceforth
8 known as associate justices of the district courts of
9 Suffolk county.

10 The district court of Suffolk county shall consist of
11 a chief justice and the several justices of the several
12 district courts and twenty associate justices except
13 that the present special justices shall be known as and
14 be associate justices of the district courts of Suffolk
15 county but no further appointments shall be made

16 to fill any vacancy caused by the death, resignation,
17 retirement or removal of an associate justice until
18 the present number of associate justices is reduced
19 to twelve.

1 SECTION 2. The salary of the chief justice of the
2 district courts of Suffolk county, who shall be one of
3 the justices of one of the district courts, shall be
4 nine thousand dollars a year. The salary of the jus-
5 tices of the district courts shall be eight thousand
6 dollars a year. The salary of the associate justices
7 shall be seven thousand dollars a year.

1 SECTION 3. The chief justice of the district courts
2 of Suffolk county and the associate justices of the
3 district courts of Suffolk county shall be full time
4 judges and shall not engage in the practice of either
5 civil or criminal law in either the lower or superior
6 courts of the commonwealth.