
By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1520) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation relative to voluntary retirement of judges of the Trial Court. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT FOR LEGISLATION RELATIVE TO VOLUNTARY RETIREMENT OF JUDGES 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 Any Chief Justice, Justice, Associate Justice, Judge or As-
2 sociate Judge, appointed to any judicial office prior to January
3 2, 1975, of any court which pursuant to Chapter 478, Section
4 110 of the Acts of 1978, is merged into the Trial Court as a
5 department thereof who shall retire from or resign his office
6 after having served in any judicial office or offices at least
7 fifteen years and have attained the age of sixty years, but not
8 having attained the age of sixty-five years, shall thereupon,
9 notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 65A of
10 the General Laws, be entitled to receive an annual pension
11 allowance for life at an annual rate equal to two-thirds of the
12 current salary payable to justices of the court or department
13 from which he retired or resigned, which shall be increased
14 by two percent for each year served in such office or offices
15 over fifteen years from the date of his initial appointment, to
16 be paid from the same source and in the same manner as the
17 salaries of the like judicial officers of his court are paid. How-
18 ever, the total annual pension allowances shall not exceed
19 three-fourths of the current salaries payable to the justices of
20 the court or department from which he retired or resigned.
21 Such judge may in lieu of the pension allowance provided here-
22 in elect to receive a pension for life at a lesser annual rate un-
23 der the provisions of Chapter 32, Section 65C.

24 For the purposes of determining years of judicial service
25 of a former Special Justice, a year of previous service as a

26 Special Judge shall be computed by dividing the number of
27 days of actual sitting in such capacity by two hundred whether
28 or not such sittings occurred in one calendar or fiscal year.