

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 18, 1992.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 585) of Charles N. Decas for legislation to require that judges of the Trial Court reside within the jurisdiction of the courts in which such judges preside, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 592) of Robert C. Lawless relative to probation officers in Barnstable County Probate Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 595) of Mary Jeanette Murray for legislation to limit the terms of clerk magistrates in the courts of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 767) of Michael J. Sullivan relative to the payment of witness fees to police officers in certain court proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 768) of Eric Turkington for legislation to provide for compensation of certain court officers of the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 954) of Robert J. Rohan for legislation to establish a sick leave bank for Mary Ann Healy, a procedures clerk in the Holyoke District Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1159) of Athan Catjakis relative to anonymous information or complaints submitted to the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1161) of Athan Catjakis relative to the appointment of six additional assistant clerks in the Hampden County Superior Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1164) of Jonathan L. Healy, Daniel E. Bosley, Jane M. Swift, Stanley C. Rosenberg and Carmen D. Buell relative to the operation of registries of deeds, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1525) of Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to establish a western Massachusetts division of the Housing Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1527) of David P. Magnani for legislation to establish the community mediation services trust fund, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1714) of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to provide for a fourth assistant clerk in the District Court of Hampshire, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1715) of William P. Nagle, Jr., relative to increasing the number of court officers in the District Court

of Hampshire, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1717) of William P. Nagle, Jr., for legislation to establish a western Massachusetts division of the Housing Court Department, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1932) of Kevin G. Honan, Thomas P. Walsh, Daniel E. Bosley, Daniel J. Valianti and William F. Cass relative to the hours of business for the District Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1933) of Kevin G. Honan, Thomas P. Walsh, Daniel E. Bosley, Daniel J. Valianti and William F. Cass for legislation to establish a drug control court in the city of Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1939) of Robert L. Howarth relative to the assignment of an assistant clerk in the District Court of Springfield as first assistant clerk in charge of the civil department, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2110) of Patrick F. Landers III and Robert D. Wetmore that provision be made for the appointment of an additional court officer in the District Court of Palmer, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2111) of Patrick F. Landers III and Robert D. Wetmore that provision be made for the appointment of an additional assistant clerk in the District Court of Palmer, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2322) of John F. Cox relative to the collection of fraudulent checks, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2498) of John F. Cox relative to the appointment of the Commissioner of Probation and the chief probation officers in the courts of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2502) of John F. Cox for legislation to establish a local option probation fund to be administered by the Treasurer and Receiver-General of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2688) of Peter A. Vellucci and Gloria L. Fox for legislation to establish the eastern Middlesex County division of the Housing Court Department, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2839) of Daniel E. Bosley and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to establish a western Massachusetts division of the Housing Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2841) of Vincent P. Ciampa for legislation to authorize the District Court Department of the Trial Court to establish a sick leave bank for Ralph Terrazano, an employee of the Cambridge District Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3185) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to authorizing the payment for accumulated sick and vacation

leave to retiring justices of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3191) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to make certain changes in the Judicial Council, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3196) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to further regulate the reimbursement of attorneys' fees for matters brought before the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3198) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to judicial compensation and other expenses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3203) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to regulate the appointment, retirement, vacation and sick leave of clerks in the district courts, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3220) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation to designate an assistant clerk in charge of six-man jury sessions in the District Court of East Norfolk, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3385) of John F. Burke and Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the court costs of indigent persons, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3395) of Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Salvatore F. DiMasi and Marian Walsh for legislation to further define the equity jurisdiction of the Probate and Family Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3398) of Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Salvatore F. DiMasi and Marian Walsh relative to the revocation or release of impoundment of old probate records, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3400) of Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Salvatore F. DiMasi and Marian Walsh for legislation to authorize payment for accumulated sick and vacation leave to retiring justices of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3402) of Vincent F. Zarrilli for legislation to require the Judicial Nominating Commission to require candidates for judgeships in the district courts to be fluent in the Hispanic language, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3403) of Vincent F. Zarrilli for legislation to require the tabulation of results of cases heard by the Supreme Judicial Court and the Appeals Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3404) of Vincent F. Zarrilli for legislation to require a statement of reasons to accompany the denial or dismissal of any motion on activity entered in the Appeals Court or Supreme Judicial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3405) of Vincent F. Zarrilli for legislation to establish a modified judicial merit-retention system, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3602) of Thomas S. Cahir and Henri S. Rauschenbach

for legislation to authorize Barnstable County to establish the fees of the register of deeds of said county, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3603) of Thomas S. Cahir, Henri S. Rauschenbach and Eric Turkington for legislation to establish the third district court of Barnstable in the town of Falmouth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3604) of Thomas S. Cahir, Robert C. Lawless, John C. Klimm, Henri S. Rauschenbach and Eric Turkington that provision be made for the appointment of an additional assistant clerk in the First District Court of Barnstable, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3750) of Kevin G. Honan, Shirley Owens-Hicks, Marc D. Draisen, John E. McDonough and W. Paul White for legislation to establish a drug control court in the city of Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3754) of John E. McDonough, Shirley Owens-Hicks, Susan M. Tracy, Marc D. Draisen, Kevin G. Honan and W. Paul White for legislation to regulate the hours of operation of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3934) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to interest and other monies payable to the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3938) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to establish a public employee bond for the Trial Court of the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3940) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the membership of the Judicial Council, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3941) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the indemnification of certain members of the judiciary or employees of the judicial branch, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3942) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to claims against members of the judiciary and employees of the judicial branch, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3943) of Salvatore F. DiMasi for legislation to include impact statements with legislation affecting the judicial branch and filed with the General Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3944) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the powers and duties of the Commissioner of Probation, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3947) of Salvatore F. DiMasi relative to the receipt and transmission of bills and vouchers covering fees paid for indigents in certain court proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4131) of Eric Turkington relative to the appointment of interpreters in the Superior Court Department, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4132) of Eric Turkington for

legislation to clarify the procedure for payment of costs for copies of transcripts of grand jury and other court proceedings, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4277) of Mary Hurley-Bruno for legislation to further regulate the Probate and Family Court Department of the Trial Court, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4514) of John A. Businger relative to the establishment of housing courts in the Commonwealth, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4524) of Richard T. Moore relative to the number of court officers in the Second District Court of Southern Worcester, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4698) of Andrew Collaro relative to the number of court officers in the Central District Court of Worcester, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4699) of Andrew Collaro for legislation to provide for the appointment of additional assistant clerks in the Central District Court of Worcester, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4702) of Salvatore F. DiMasi and another relative to judicial compensation and other expenses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4704) of Salvatore F. DiMasi and another for legislation to further regulate the reimbursement of attorneys' fees for matters brought before the Commission on Judicial Conduct, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4898) of Mark Brown for legislation to establish a system of court appointed experts to advise judges in trials requiring expertise in certain professions, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4901) of Jeffery J. Hayward for legislation to establish a housing court division for the city of Lynn, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5077) of Douglas W. Stoddart and Nancy H. Evans for legislation to establish a delinquent child support strike force within the Probate and Family Court Department of the Trial Court, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5663) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

SALVATORE F. DIMASI.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

1 *Ordered*, That the committee on the Judiciary be authorized
2 to sit during the recess of the General Court to make an
3 investigation and study of House documents numbered 585, 592,
4 595, 767, 768, 954, 1159, 1161, 1164, 1525, 1527, 1714, 1715, 1717,
5 1932, 1933, 1939, 2110, 2111, 2322, 2498, 2502, 2688, 2839, 2841,
6 3185, 3191, 3196, 3198, 3203, 3220, 3385, 3395, 3398, 3400, 3402,
7 3403, 3404, 3405, 3602, 3603, 3604, 3750, 3754, 3934, 3938, 3940,
8 3941, 3942, 3943, 3944, 3947, 4131, 4132, 4277, 4514, 4524, 4698,
9 4699, 4702, 4704, 4898, 4901 and 5077, relative to the courts of
10 the Commonwealth.

11 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results
12 of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
13 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
14 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk
15 of the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday
16 in December, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

