

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 914**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James M. Murphy***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act creating the office of senior justice in the judicial branch.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James M. Murphy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*4th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Murphy of Weymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 914) of James M. Murphy relative to creating the office of senior justice in the judicial branch. The Judiciary.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act creating the office of senior justice in the judicial branch.

*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. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: - A chief justice or an associate  
3 justice who has served fifteen years in a judicial office shall be designated as a senior justice and  
4 receive an additional annual salary increment of \$10,000. The office of senior justice shall be  
5 deemed a judicial office as comprehended under the provisions of Article I of Chapter 111 of  
6 Part the Second of the Constitution.

7           SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 amended by inserting after the first sentence the following: - A chief justice or an associate  
9 justice who has served fifteen years in a judicial office shall be designated as a senior justice and  
10 receive an additional annual salary increment of \$10,000. The office of senior justice shall be  
11 deemed a judicial office as comprehended under the provisions of Article I of Chapter 111 of  
12 Part the Second of the Constitution.

13           SECTION 3. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
14 amended by inserting after the third paragraph the following paragraph: - Any justice of the trial  
15 court who has served fifteen years in a judicial office shall be designated as a senior justice and  
16 receive an additional annual salary increment of \$10,000. The office of senior justice shall be  
17 deemed a judicial office as comprehended under the provisions of Article I of Chapter 111 Part  
18 the Second of the Constitution.

19           SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.