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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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk	1/19/2017

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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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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

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

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

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