

HOUSE No. 1503

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Claire D. Cronin

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 relative to the management of the several clerks of court.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/19/2021</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1503) of Claire D. Cronin relative to the management of certain clerks of court. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to the management of the several clerks of 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following new
3 section:

4 Section 4. The clerks of court for the counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex,
5 Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Worcester shall appoint,
6 and may remove, first assistant clerks for said counties. First assistant clerks of courts, except in
7 Suffolk county, shall act as assistant clerks of the supreme judicial court, the superior court
8 department, and the county commissioners. The justices of the supreme judicial court shall
9 appoint for a term of three years from the date of their appointment, and may remove, the first
10 assistant clerk of the supreme judicial court.

11 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.