

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cahill

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 providing equity within the Judicial Branch.

PETITION OF:

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| <i>Daniel Cahill</i> | <i>10th Essex</i> | <i>1/16/2025</i> |

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act providing equity within 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. Notwithstanding sections 93 and 94 of chapter 221; section 6 of
2 chapter 211A; sections 53, 58, and 79 of chapter 218; section 35A of chapter 217; section 14 of
3 chapter 185 and section 9A of chapter 185C, section 28D1/2 of chapter 278 or any other general
4 or special law or by-law to the contrary, the salaries of the Clerk of the Supreme Judicial Court
5 for the Commonwealth, the Clerk of the of the Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County, the
6 Clerk of the Appeals Court, the Clerks in the Superior Court, the Clerks of the Boston Municipal
7 Court; the Clerks in the Juvenile Department; the Clerks in the District Court Department; the
8 Registers of the Probate and Family Court Department; the Recorder of the Land Court
9 Department; and the Clerks of the Housing Court Department shall be 84.57 percent of the salary
10 of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court.

11 SECTION 2. Section 14 of chapter 185 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, “81.57 per cent of the chief justice

13 of said department” and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the Chief
14 Justice of the supreme judicial court..

15 SECTION 3. Section 9A of chapter 185C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
16 amended by striking out, in line 3, “81.57 per cent of the chief justice of said department” and
17 inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the chief justice of the supreme
18 Judicial Court.

19 SECTION 4. Section 22 of chapter 211 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
20 amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure “\$232,101” and inserting in place thereof the
21 following figure:- \$252,101.

22 SECTION 5. Said section 22 of said chapter 211 is hereby further amended by striking
23 out, in line 2, the figure “\$226,187” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
24 \$246,187.

25 SECTION 6. Section 2 of chapter 211A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
26 amended by striking out, in line 1, the figure “\$219,856” and inserting in place thereof the
27 following figure:- \$239,856.

28 SECTION 7. Said section 2 of said chapter 211A is hereby further amended by striking
29 out, in line 2, the figure “\$213,924” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
30 \$233,924.

31 SECTION 8. Section 6 of said chapter 211A is hereby amended by striking out, in line
32 10, the following: “81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said court” and inserting in

33 place thereof the following:- 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme
34 judicial court.

35 SECTION 9. Section 4 of chapter 211B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
36 amended by striking out, in line 3, the figure “\$207,855” and inserting in place thereof the
37 following figure:- \$227,855.

38 SECTION 10. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking
39 out, in line 5, the figure “\$213,966” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
40 \$233,966.

41 SECTION 11. Said section 4 of said chapter 211B is hereby further amended by striking
42 out, in line 7, the figure “\$220,160” and inserting in place thereof the following figure:-
43 \$240,160.

44 SECTION 12. Section 35A of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is
45 hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the following: “81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief
46 justice of the department” and inserting in place thereof the following:- 84.57 per cent of the
47 salary of the chief justice of the supreme judicial court.

48 SECTION 13. Section 53 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
49 amended by striking out, in line 9, the following “81.57 of the salary of the chief justice of the
50 department” and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief
51 justice of the supreme judicial court.

52 SECTION 14. Section 58 of said chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out, in line
53 94, the following “81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department” and

54 inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the
55 supreme judicial court.

56 SECTION 15. Section 79 of said chapter 218 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2,
57 the following: “81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department” and inserting
58 in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the supreme
59 judicial court.

60 SECTION 16. Section 93 of said chapter 221 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2,
61 the figure “81.57” and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57.

62 SECTION 17. Section 94 of said chapter 221 is hereby amended by striking out, in line
63 11, the figure “81.57” and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57.

64 SECTION 18. Said section 94 of said chapter 221 is hereby further amended by striking
65 out, in line 20, the following “81.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of said department”
66 and inserting in place thereof the following: 84.57 per cent of the salary of the chief justice of the
67 supreme judicial court.

68 SECTION 19. This act shall be effective on of July 1, 2025.