

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY
BILL SUMMARY**

BILL NO. H1739

TITLE: An Act relative to the designation of jury clerk in the Haverhill District Court.

SPONSOR: Rep. Ryan M. Hamilton

COSPONSORS: None

HEARING DATE: June 3, 2025

PRIOR HISTORY: None

SENATE BILL: S1107 (Finegold)

CURRENT LAW: Section 10 of Chapter 218 of the General Laws authorizes clerks of District Courts to appoint assistant clerks. The maximum number of assistant clerks is determined by the statute. It also permits designated jurisdictions to place an assistant clerk in charge of six-person jury sessions who are paid by the Commonwealth as such.

BILL SUMMARY: Section 1 – Adds the Central District Court of northern Essex to the list of districts who can place clerks in charge of 6 person juries.