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The sole question in this case therefore is not as to the tenure but as to the compensation of the petitioner as an additional Justice of the Peace as provided for in Chapter 777 of the Acts of 1912.

Whilst the law covering this matter of Police Justices and their compensation seems to be in a somewhat confused state, yet it does seem clear that Chapter 230 of the Acts of 1890 made it the duty of the Governor to select an additional Magistrate to sit at the Station Houses as determined by the Board of Police Commissioners and to be assigned by said Board to so sit. It is also true that this additional Magistrate was to receive no money except his salary from any other source. There could not be much doubt that he thus became a salaried Justice, so that the Board very properly has acted upon that theory for over twenty years and certified for the payment of the salary for this additional Justice the same as it did for those selected and regularly assigned to Station Houses. Chapter 777 of the Acts of 1912, so far as it concerns Police Magistrates does not materially effect the question further than to provide for the appointment of two additional Justices instead of one, as theretofore, and that the Board could not assign any Justice other than one "selected by the Governor to sit at a Station house in said City as long as one of said Justices of the Peace so assigned by the Governor shall be available for said purpose".

As was so ably argued by Counsel for the Respondents all construction of Statutes should be reasonable, but to be reasonable the construction should be practical and unless for good reason should not contravene the Legislature's intent.

It would seem unreasonable to require this Petitioner who holds a commission for this office to report for service every day of the year and hold himself in readiness to be sent to any part of the City to any one of the eight Station Houses wherever there happened to be a regular Police Justice absent, and at the same time to refuse compensation to him unless he actually after arriving at the Station House tried a case. In other words if the contention of the Respondents be correct, this Petitioner is to be clothed with all the rights and prerogatives of the Po-