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in such cases and matters and hold court only at such terms and times as he may be directed and assigned to by the chief justice of the supreme judicial court, and said chief justice is hereby empowered and authorized to so assign and designate any such active retired justice of the supreme judicial court as to his services and may direct as to which term of the law court he shall attend, and if the chief justice so orders, he may hear all matters and issue all orders, notices, decrees, and judgments in vacation that any justice of the supreme judicial court or of the superior court is authorized to hear or issue, either at law or in equity. Any active retired justice of the superior court may be directed by the chief justice to hold any term of the superior court in any county and when so directed shall have authority and jurisdiction therein the same as if he were the regular justice of said court; and whenever the chief justice of the supreme judicial court so orders, may hear all matters and issue all orders, notices, ~~and~~ decrees and judgments in vacation that any justice of said superior court is authorized to hear and issue.

The provisions of this paragraph shall apply to **the** present and former justices of said courts. Provided, however, that such justice shall within 1 year after attaining the age of 70 years, and serving as such justice for at least 7 consecutive years, cease to serve as such justice.'