

HOUSE No. 538

By Mr. Christopher A. Iannella of Boston (by request), petition of Christopher A. Iannella and another for legislation relative to powers and duties of the Board of Probation. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF PROBATION.

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 99 of chapter 276, as most recently amended
2 by chapter 57 of the acts of 1931, is hereby further
3 amended by inserting after the word "preside", in
4 the third sentence, the following words: — the board
5 may authorize the attendance of any or all such
6 officers and justices at other conferences within or
7 without the commonwealth, which, in its discretion,
8 promote the general welfare of the probation service.,
9 — so that section 99 will read as follows: — *Section*
10 *99.* The board of probation shall prescribe the form
11 of all records and of all reports from probation of-
12 ficers and of reports from trial justices, and shall
13 make rules for the registration of reports and for the
14 exchange of information between the courts. It shall
15 provide for such organization and co-operation of the

16 probation officers in the several courts as may seem
17 advisable. To promote co-ordination in the probation
18 work of the courts, the board may call a conference
19 of any or all of the justices of the district courts and
20 the Boston juvenile court, or a conference of any or
21 all of the probation officers and assistant probation
22 officers, and a member of the board shall preside; the
23 board may authorize the attendance of any or all such
24 officers and justices at other conferences within or
25 without the commonwealth, which, in its discretion,
26 promote the general welfare of the probation service.
27 With the approval of the board, the commissioner
28 of correction or the department of public welfare may
29 hold a conference with any or all of the probation offi-
30 cers to secure their co-operation in keeping trace of
31 the whereabouts of persons who are at liberty from the
32 prisons of the commonwealth. The traveling expenses
33 of said justices or officers in attending any conference
34 herein named shall be paid as the other expenses of
35 the respective courts are paid.