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By Mr. Sawyer of Ware, petition of Roland D. Sawyer relative to entries of nolle prosequi in felony cases before the courts. Judiciary (Joint). Dec. 22, 1927.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

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An Act relative to Entries of Nolle Prosequi in Felony Cases before the Courts.

*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 one of chapter two hundred and seventy-four  
2 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following: — No entry of nolle prosequi shall be made  
4 in case of a charge of felony except upon a sworn  
5 statement of the district attorney stating the reasons  
6 for such entry, — so as to read: — A crime punish-  
7 able by death or imprisonment in the state prison is  
8 a felony. All other crimes are misdemeanors. No  
9 entry of nolle prosequi shall be made in the case of a  
10 charge of felony except upon a sworn statement of  
11 the district attorney stating the reasons for such  
12 entry.





