

HOUSE No. 1114

By Mr. McInerney of Boston, petition of Joseph F. X. Doherty and Timothy J. McInerney for legislation to regulate the procedure in district or municipal courts in criminal prosecutions of persons with no criminal record. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT REGULATING THE PROCEDURE IN DISTRICT OR MUNICIPAL COURTS IN CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS OF PERSONS WITH NO CRIMINAL RECORD.

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 1. Chapter two hundred and seventy-
2 eight of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
3 serting after section sixteen A, as appearing in the
4 Tercentenary Edition, the following new section:—
5 *Section 16B.* In any criminal prosecution insti-
6 tuted in a district or municipal court against a person
7 who has no previous criminal record, the presiding
8 justice shall order a plea of not guilty to be entered in
9 his behalf, shall continue the case for a hearing on the
10 merits for a period of not less than one week, and
11 shall inform the defendant that said continuance has
12 been granted so that he may exercise his right to ob-
13 tain legal counsel.

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