

SENATE No. 376

To accompany the petition of Estella E. Marshall for legislation to provide that any person incarcerated in an institution for the insane and petitioning for adjudication of sanity may have counsel provided and paid for by the Commonwealth. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ANY PERSON INCARCERATED IN AN INSTITUTION FOR THE INSANE AND PETITIONING FOR ADJUDICATION OF SANITY MAY HAVE COUNSEL PROVIDED AND PAID FOR BY THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Any person incarcerated in a state institution for
2 the insane who petitions for an adjudication of his or
3 her sanity shall have counsel provided and paid for
4 by the commonwealth.

The Commission on the Judiciary

The Commission on the Judiciary was organized on July 1, 1955, by Senate Resolution No. 100. Its purpose is to study the organization and functioning of the Federal Judiciary and to report to the Senate on its findings and recommendations. The Commission is composed of seven members, including the Chief Justice of the United States, and is headed by Chief Justice Warren. It has held numerous public hearings and has received many suggestions from judges, lawyers, and laymen. The Commission's report will be submitted to the Senate in the near future.