

HOUSE No. 532

By Mr. Toomey of Cambridge, petition of Brandon Powers and others that records of conviction of certain crimes be inadmissible to affect the credibility of witnesses who are veterans. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF CERTAIN RECORDS.

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. Section 21 of chapter 233 of the Gen-
2 eral Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 426
3 of the acts of 1950, is hereby further amended by add-
4 ing at the end thereof the following paragraph:—

5 Fourth, Any record referred to in the preceding
6 paragraphs of this section shall not be shown for such
7 purpose when the witness is a veteran. The word
8 “veteran” as used in this act shall mean a person
9 designated as such by section one of chapter thirty-
10 two of the General Laws as amended.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the con-
2 trary, no such record shall be used by any department
3 of the commonwealth, or any political subdivision
4 thereof, or by any court in the case of such a veteran
5 except with his written permission.

The Constitution of Massachusetts

Article I. The Legislature shall consist of a Senate and a House of Representatives.

Section 1. The Senate shall be composed of six members, to be chosen by the people.

Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of members chosen by the people in several towns, to be chosen by the voters of each town.

Section 3. The Senate and House of Representatives shall be chosen for a term of two years, and shall meet on the first day of January next following the election.

Section 4. The Senate and House of Representatives shall have the sole and exclusive power of originating bills for raising revenue, and no bill for raising revenue shall pass without their consent.

Section 5. The Senate and House of Representatives shall have the sole and exclusive power of originating bills for appropriating money, and no bill for appropriating money shall pass without their consent.