

HOUSE No. 651

By Mr. Christopher A. Iannella of Boston, petition of Christopher A. Iannella for legislation to limit the authority of the Attorney General in assuming the duties of district attorneys. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT LIMITING THE AUTHORITY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN ASSUMING THE DUTIES OF A DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

*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 27 of chapter 12 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby
3 amended by adding at the end thereof the following
4 sentence: — But the attorney general shall not assume
5 the duties of the district attorney in any district over
6 the objections of such district attorney prior to peti-
7 tioning the supreme judicial court for authority to
8 assume such duties. Such authority shall be granted
9 by the supreme judicial court only after it has issued
10 a citation to such district attorney to show cause why
11 the petition shall not be allowed and after a hearing
12 on such citation.

