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By Mr. Ames, a petition of Elliot L. Richardson and Oliver F. Ames for legislation to authorize the calling of special grand juries. Judiciary.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CALLING OF SPECIAL GRAND JURIES.

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

1 Chapter 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
 2 striking out section 2A and inserting in place thereof the fol-  
 3 lowing section: —

4 *Section 2A.* The clerk of the courts in any county, or in  
 5 Suffolk the clerk of the superior court for criminal business,  
 6 shall, upon written request of the attorney general accom-  
 7 panied by a certificate that there is reasonable cause for such  
 8 action, signed by the chief justice of the superior court, issue  
 9 writs of venire facias for twenty-three grand jurors for serv-  
 10 ice as a special grand jury to hear, consider and report on such  
 11 matters as the attorney general may present. Said jurors shall  
 12 serve for a period of six months, unless sooner discharged by  
 13 the attorney general or by the said chief justice, and shall  
 14 be drawn, summoned and returned in the same manner, and  
 15 shall have the same powers and receive the same compensa-  
 16 tion, except as provided in section twenty-five of chapter two  
 17 hundred and sixty-two of the General Laws, as grand jurors  
 18 summoned for service under sections one and two, and the  
 19 provisions of sections four to fourteen, so far as apt, shall  
 20 apply to such jurors.

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