

SENATE No. 464

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 8, 1922.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to which was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 919) of Daniel J. Kiley that the Attorney-General be authorized to convene special sessions of grand juries in any county of the Commonwealth, and so much of the report of the Attorney-General for the year ending January 18, 1922 (Pub. Doc. No. 12) as relates thereto, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 464).

For the committee,

JOHN M. GIBBS.

MESSRS. CASASSA and McDONNELL, of the Senate, and MESSRS. McCORMACK of Boston and SHAW of Revere, of the House, dissent.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

AN ACT

Providing for Special Sessions of the Grand Jury.

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 two hundred and seventy-seven of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after section two the following new section: —
4 *Section 2A.* The clerk of the courts in any
5 county, or in Suffolk the clerk of the superior
6 court for criminal business, shall, upon written
7 request of the attorney-general accompanied by
8 a certificate that public necessity requires such
9 action, signed by the chief justice of the superior
10 court, issue writs of venire facias for twenty-
11 three grand jurors for service as a special grand
12 jury to hear, consider and report on such matters
13 as the attorney-general may present. Said jurors
14 shall serve for a period of six months, unless
15 sooner discharged by the attorney-general or by
16 the said chief justice, and shall be drawn, sum-
17 moned and returned in the same manner and
18 shall have the same powers and receive the same
19 compensation as grand jurors summoned for
20 service under sections one and two, and the pro-
21 visions of sections four to fourteen shall apply to
22 such jurors.