

HOUSE No. 911

By Mr. Birmingham of Boston, petition of Leo M. Birmingham for legislation to abolish capital punishment as a penalty for the crime of murder. The Judiciary (Joint). Jan. 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act abolishing Capital Punishment.

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 one of chapter two hundred
2 and sixty-five of the General Laws is hereby re-
3 pealed.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter two hundred and sixty-
2 five is hereby further amended by striking out sec-
3 tion two and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing:—

5 *Section 2.* Whoever is guilty of murder shall
6 be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for
7 life. Petit treason shall be prosecuted and pun-
8 ished as murder.

