

HOUSE No. 230

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Prison Commissioners (House, No. 219). Joint Judiciary. January 11.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Disposition of Criminal Actions on Information of the 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 1. Any person held in jail charged with a
2 felony the maximum punishment of which is imprison-
3 ment in the state prison for not more than twenty years,
4 may make a written petition to the superior court, set-
5 ting out that he is held as aforesaid; that he is guilty
6 of the offence so charged; that he desires to plead guilty
7 thereto and to have judgment forthwith passed upon him
8 therefor, and requesting the court to direct the district
9 attorney to file an information against him charging him
10 with the commission of such offence.

1 SECTION 2. The court may direct the district attorney
2 to file such information and upon the same being done,

1 SECTION 2. The cost of support of a prisoner trans-
2 ferred to a county prison under this act shall be paid
3 such prisoner, without unnecessary delay, shall be brought
4 before the court, as upon indictment by a grand jury,
5 and after the court shall have heard the plea of guilty on
6 the part of such person to the charge contained in the in-
7 formation, and his statement of the facts indicating his
8 guilt, and whatever he may submit relevant to the dispo-
9 sition of the case, the court shall pass judgment and make
10 disposition of the case in all respects as though the ac-
11 cused person had been duly adjudged guilty upon an
12 indictment regularly returned by the grand jury.

1 SECTION 3. Every judge of the superior court is fully
2 authorized and empowered to proceed in the manner here-
3 inbefore mentioned at any time.