

To accompany the petition of Alfred M. Bessette for legislation relative to notices to district attorneys of criminal offences in relation to divorce. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Notices to District Attorneys of Criminal Offences in Relation to Divorce.

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 eight of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
3 forty-five and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:—

5 *Section 45.* If a divorce is granted for cause
6 constituting a misdemeanor or a felony com-
7 mitted within the commonwealth and within the
8 time provided by law for making complaints
9 and finding indictments therefor, the court grant-
10 ing the divorce shall, within thirty days after the
11 hearing, cause notice of such facts to be given
12 by the clerk of the court to the district attorney
13 for the county where such misdemeanor or
14 felony was committed, with a list of the wit-
15 nesses proving such misdemeanor or felony and

16 any other information which it considers proper;
17 and thereupon the district attorney shall cause
18 complaint therefor to be made before a magis-
19 trate having jurisdiction thereof, or shall present
20 the evidence thereof to the grand jury.
