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Bill accompanying the petition of James Chambers for legislation to provide for allowance of time of detention from final sentence in cases of persons charged with crimes, misdemeanors or other offences. Joint Judiciary. January 13.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Detention of Persons Charged with Crimes, Misdemeanors or other Offences.

*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 charged with a crime,  
2 misdemeanor, or other offence against the laws, who  
3 may be obliged to remain in a jail or other house of  
4 detention awaiting trial for more than fourteen  
5 days, whether because of his waiving of examina-  
6 tion, or a declination of jurisdiction by the police,  
7 district or municipal court or trial justice, or be-  
8 cause of an appeal from a finding of guilty by such  
9 police, district or municipal court or trial justice,

10 or because of any other reason whereby the prisoner  
11 is held to await trial in any court of this Common-  
12 wealth, and he is finally found guilty, shall have  
13 deducted from his term of imprisonment, as de-  
14 termined in his final sentence, the entire time during  
15 which he has been detained while awaiting trial.

1 SECTION 2. It shall be the duty of the clerk of the  
2 court in which final sentence is imposed, to certify  
3 to the sheriff, warden, jailer or other officer in  
4 charge of the prison, jail or other house of detention  
5 in which the prisoner is ordered to serve sentence  
6 as to the sentence finally imposed by the court, less  
7 the full amount of time during which the prisoner  
8 has been detained, as provided for in section one,  
9 while awaiting his final trial.