

HOUSE No. 834.

Bill accompanying the petition of Thomas F. Coogan for legislation to provide for speedy trials, especially when verdicts have been set aside. Joint Judiciary. January 22.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

To provide for Speedy Trials in Causes where the Verdict is set aside and for providing a Time at which Motions for a New Trial must be determined.

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 action in which a verdict has been
2 rendered and has been set aside by the presiding justice
3 shall immediately be placed upon the short trial list, and
4 shall be heard before another jury sitting in the same
5 county, and if there is only one jury sitting in the county
6 where the cause was heard, said cause shall be placed
7 first in order for the next sitting of the court in that
8 county.

1 SECTION 2. Every motion for a new trial shall be
2 heard within thirty days from the date of trial of the
3 cause, unless counsel for both parties agree to have it
4 heard at some later definite time, and the decision of the
5 presiding justice upon the motion for a new trial shall
6 be handed down not more than thirty days from the date
7 of argument upon such motion; otherwise the verdict
8 rendered by the jury shall stand.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.