

HOUSE No. 2156

By Mr. Sigourney of Nahant, petition of Andre R. Sigourney that provision be made for assignment of counsel by the court to all indigent defendants in felony cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Four.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE COURT SHALL ASSIGN COUNSEL TO ALL
INDIGENT DEFENDANTS IN FELONY CASES.

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 55 of chapter 277 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in line 2, the word "murder" and inserting in
4 place thereof the words: — a felony.

1 SECTION 2. Section 56 of said chapter 277, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the word "murder"
3 and inserting in place thereof the words: — a felony.

