

HOUSE No. 3325

By Mr. Nordin of East Bridgewater, petition of Karl S. Nordin and another that the Attorney General be required to defend elected town officials in actions brought under the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO DEFEND ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS IN CERTAIN CIVIL PROCEEDINGS ARISING UNDER THE FEDERAL CIVIL RIGHTS OF 1964.

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 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 3D, as amended by chapter 633 of the acts
- 3 of 1957, the following section:—
- 4 *Section 3E.* Any elected town official who has been made a
- 5 defendant in any civil proceeding arising out of an action
- 6 brought under the provisions of the Federal Civil Rights Act
- 7 of 1964, may apply to the attorney general to enter an ap-
- 8 pearance in his behalf. Upon such application, the attorney
- 9 general shall assume the defense of such official at the cost and
- 10 expense of the commonwealth.

