

SENATE No. 1573

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 27, 1973.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2731) of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association, Robert B. Ambler and Clifford H. Marshall that district attorneys be authorized to employ additional legal assistants, reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 1573).

For the committee,

ALAN D. SISITSKY.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN THE OFFICES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

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
2 striking out Section 20, as most recently amended by chapter
3 145 of the Acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following: —

5 *Section 20.* ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS IN THE
6 OFFICES OF DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

7 The district attorneys may each employ additional legal
8 assistants, with the approval of the chief justice of the superior
9 court. The length of time of such employment, which shall in
10 no instance exceed six months, and the amount of compen-
11 sation, which shall in no instance exceed five thousand dollars,
12 shall be determined by the district attorney, with the approval
13 of said chief justice. Such compensation shall be paid by the
14 treasurer of each county upon presentation of bills approved
15 by the district attorney, and by said chief justice and in
16 Suffolk County by the auditor thereof. In matters connected
17 with the work for which he is so employed, a legal assistant
18 shall have all the powers and authority of an assistant district
19 attorney.