

SENATE No. 686

By Mr. Parker, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 686) of John F. Parker for legislation to permit judges to impose minimum periods of custody in juvenile cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERMITTING JUDGES TO IMPOSE MINIMUM PERIODS OF
CUSTODY IN JUVENILE 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 58 of chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the fourth paragraph, the follow-
3 ing paragraph: —

4 At the time of commitment to custody, the committing
5 judge may specify the period of duration of such custody,
6 which period shall not be shortened without consent of the
7 committing judge. Such period shall not extend beyond the
8 juvenile's eighteenth birthday.

