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SENATE No. 642

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 642) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation to create police detention powers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT CREATING POLICE DETENTION POWERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary,
2 a peace officer may detain any person abroad whom he has
3 reason to suspect is committing, has committed or is about to
4 commit a crime and may demand of him his name, address,
5 his business abroad and whither he is going and any said
6 person who fails to identify himself and explain his actions
7 to the satisfaction of such peace officer may be further de-
8 tained and questioned and investigated by any peace officer.
9 Provided in no case shall the total of such detention exceed
10 four hours and such detention shall not be recorded as an
11 arrest in any official record at the end of any such detention.
12 The person so detained shall be released unless arrested and
13 charged with a crime.

SENATE

It is the duty of the Senate to advise and consent to the appointment and removal of officers and judges of the United States, and to ratify and reject treaties made by the President.

The Government of the United States

is the only one known to the world.

AN ACT TO ORGANIZE THE SENATE

That the Senate of the United States be organized as follows:

1. The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the electors in that State for a term of six years; but two Senators from any State shall not be elected at the same time.
2. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications for electors in that State.
3. The electors in each State shall have the power to elect or reject any Senator proposed by the President.
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