

SENATE No. 696

By Mr. Parker, (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 696) of Warren E. Marotte for legislation to require that requests for continuances in court cases be supported by facts and signed under the penalties of perjury. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING THAT REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCES IN COURT CASES BE SUPPORTED BY FACTS AND SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY.

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 221 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 40 the following new section: —
- 3 *Section 40A.* No continuance shall be granted in any court
- 4 case unless the request is in writing, contains a statement of
- 5 the facts supporting the request, and is signed under the penal-
- 6 ties of perjury.

