

SENATE No. 1898

By Mr. Parker (by request) a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1898) 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 Eighty-one.

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
- 2 inserting 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
- 6 penalties of perjury.

The Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, dated July 1, 1947, and to express its appreciation for the valuable information and suggestions contained therein. The Commission's report is being referred to the appropriate subcommittees of the Committee for their consideration and report.

The Organization of the Executive Branch

In the past few years there has been a rapid increase in the number of executive agencies and departments.

At the present time there are approximately 100 executive agencies and departments, and the number is increasing rapidly. This increase has resulted in a complex and overlapping organization of the Executive Branch of the Government.

The Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government has been organized to study the present organization of the Executive Branch and to recommend such changes as may be necessary to improve its efficiency.

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