

HOUSE No. 1283

By Mr. Bowler of Springfield, petition of James J. Bowler that the district attorney for the Western District be authorized to employ additional legal assistants. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Nine.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS.

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 sec-
3 tion 1 of chapter 694 of the acts of 1957, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following section:—

5 *Section 20.* The district attorney for the Suffolk district,
6 the district attorney for the northern district and the district
7 attorney for the western district may each employ additional
8 legal assistants, with the approval of the chief justice of the
9 superior court. The length of time of such employment, which
10 shall in no instance exceed three months, and the amount of
11 compensation, which shall in no instance exceed two thou-
12 sand dollars, shall be determined by the district attorney,
13 with the approval of said chief justice. Such compensation
14 shall be paid by the treasurer of Suffolk county or Middlesex
15 county, or Hampden County or Berkshire County, as the
16 case may be, upon presentation of bills approved by the
17 district attorney, and by said chief justice, and in Suffolk
18 county by the auditor thereof. In matters connected with
19 the work for which he is so employed, an attorney shall have
20 all the powers and authority of an assistant district attorney.

