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By Mr. Grimaldi of Springfield, petition of James L. Grimaldi, David M. Bartley and John F. Coffey for legislation to authorize the district attorney for the Western District to employ additional legal assistants. Public Service.

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**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 case  
16 may be, upon presentation of bills approved by the district  
17 attorney, and by said chief justice, and in Suffolk county by  
18 the auditor thereof. In matters connected with the work for  
19 which he is so employed, an attorney shall have all the  
20 powers and authority of an assistant district attorney.

