

By Mr. Ohlson of West Bridgewater, petition of Robert L. Anderson (District Attorney for the Plymouth District) relative to establishing a detective bureau in his office. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DETECTIVE BUREAU IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE PLYMOUTH DISTRICT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 21 the following sections: —

3 *Section 21A.* There shall be established in the office of the
4 District Attorney for the Plymouth District, a bureau which
5 shall be subject to the exclusive supervision and control of the
6 District Attorney.

7 Such Detective Bureau shall investigate crime throughout its
8 respective district under the supervision and direction of the
9 District Attorney of said district. It shall make investigations to
10 secure and verify facts for use in all criminal proceedings,
11 under the jurisdiction of the District Attorney. A detective of a
12 County Detective Bureau shall have the same authority and
13 powers granted to police officers under provisions of section 98
14 of chapter 41; and in the performance of such powers shall
15 have the right to use existing facilities of the police depart-
16 ments of each municipality in the district.

17 *Section 21B.* Such detective bureau shall be known as the
18 Plymouth County Detective Bureau.

19 In the Plymouth District, there shall be five detectives, of
20 whom three shall be designated Lieutenant Detectives. The

21 District Attorney may appoint one of such Lieutenants to serve
22 as Chief of Detectives and may remove him at his pleasure; a
23 Chief of Detectives replaced by the District Attorney shall
24 revert to the rank of Lieutenant of Detectives.

25 *Section 21C.* The Chief of Detectives, Lieutenant Detectives,
26 and Detectives shall receive from the Commonwealth annual
27 salaries as follows:

28 Chief of Detectives, thirteen thousand five hundred per
29 annum; Lieutenant Detectives, eleven thousand five hundred
30 per annum; and Detectives, nine thousand eight hundred per
31 annum.

32 *Section 21D.* The District Attorney may expend such funds
33 as he may deem reasonable in equipping and maintaining such
34 detective bureau, and in providing clerical assistance therefor
35 and all such bills incurred for such purposes shall be paid by
36 the County of Plymouth.

37 *Section 21E.* Appointments to County Detective Bureaus
38 shall be subject to chapter 31 provided, however, that no such
39 person shall be eligible for examination unless he is a member
40 of the police force or investigatory law enforcement agency
41 within the Plymouth District.

1 SECTION 2. The District Attorney of the Plymouth District
2 may appoint the number of detectives required under the
3 provisions of section 21B and may assign each to such rank
4 and duties as he may deem appropriate notwithstanding the
5 provisions of chapter 31.

1 SECTION 3. The District Attorney may appoint any police
2 officer then assigned to criminal investigation work in his office
3 and he may appoint additional detectives selected from any
4 police force in a district or investigatory law enforcement
5 agency, provided, however, that such appointments shall be
6 subject to chapter 31.

7 He may make appointments to fill any vacancies which may
8 occur.

1 SECTION 4. A detective initially appointed under this sec-
2 tion, after serving a probationary period of ninety days, shall
3 thereafter be deemed to be employed subject to the provisions
4 of chapter 31 without serving any probationary period or
5 without examination.

1 SECTION 5. Detective appointments shall be made from a
2 list provided by the Civil Service Commission.

1 SECTION 6. Any appointees to the detective bureau be-
2 come members of the state employee's retirement system upon
3 his appointment to said bureau. Any appointees who hold
4 positions classified under chapter 31, or are subject to the
5 provisions of section 9A of chapter 30, shall be deemed trans-
6 ferred to the service of said detective bureau without impair-
7 ment of their civil service, retirement, seniority or other rights,
8 and their terms of office shall not be deemed to be interrupted
9 within the meaning of said chapter 31 or said section 9A of
10 chapter 30 notwithstanding any change in title or duties made
11 as a result of such transfer; provided, however, that no such
12 appointee shall be lowered in rank or compensation.

13 Except as provided in section 21D, all detectives appointed
14 by the District Attorney during the period of ninety days
15 immediately following the effective date of this act shall upon
16 appointment to said bureau become subject to the civil service
17 laws and rules.

1 SECTION 7. The initial appointment by each such district
2 attorney shall not be subject to chapter 31 of the General
3 Laws, provided, however, that any subsequent appointments
4 shall be subject to chapter 31 of the General Laws.

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