

HOUSE No. 2309

By Mr. Pickett of Somerville, petition of John J. Droney relative to the grand jury system in Middlesex County. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY OF THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

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 277 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out section 2B, as most recently amended by chapter
3 415 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 2B.* The clerk of the courts for Middlesex county
6 shall, not less than twenty-eight days before the first Mondays
7 of January and July, respectively, issue writs of venire facias
8 for seventy veniremen from whom the court shall select forty-
9 six grand jurors. The first twenty-three so selected shall serve in
10 said court commencing on the first Monday of each sitting
11 thereof for six months and until another grand jury has been
12 impanelled in their stead. The remainder so selected shall serve
13 in said court commencing on the third Monday of each sitting
14 thereof for six months and until another grand jury has been
15 impanelled in their stead.

