

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2982

By Mr. Guzzi of Newton (by request), petition of Joseph Albiani for legislation to establish a criminal sentencing commission. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A CRIMINAL SENTENCING COMMISSION.

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

1 A sentencing commission shall be established in the Com-  
2 monwealth. The commission shall be made up of seven mem-  
3 bers; at least two of whom are psychiatrists, at least two of  
4 whom are penologists and at least two of whom are jurists. The  
5 commission shall by majority vote fix sentences for those  
6 convicted of felonies after the convicts have had six months of  
7 observation and tests at a correctional institution. The sentence  
8 shall be based on the test period coupled with the inmates  
9 record and shall be within the current statutory limits. The  
10 sentence shall be based on the commissions opinion as to how  
11 long the inmate will take to be habilitated. The six month  
12 period of observation shall be deducted from his or her sen-  
13 tence. The testing need not be done by the commission itself.  
14 The six month observation period shall be automatically im-  
15 posed upon a finding of guilty unless the judge suspends the  
16 sentence.

17 The commission members will serve for three year  
18 terms - appointed by the governor - at a salary of \$20,000 per  
19 commissioner. They shall also have a secretary at a salary of  
20 10,000 appointed by the chairman of the commission. The  
21 chairman is to be elected by the members.

By Mr. GARDNER of Boston (by request), Chairman of the  
Committee on Education, to which a bill (H. R. 10000) was  
referred for consideration.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION

IN SENATE, FEBRUARY 10, 1892.

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION OF EDUCATION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following be the duties of the Commission of Education:

1. A standing commission shall be established in the State of Massachusetts, to be known as the Commission of Education, and shall be composed of seven members, to be appointed by the Governor and Council, and shall hold office for a term of three years, and until their successors are appointed.
2. The Commission shall be organized on the first day of January next following the date of its appointment, and shall have the honor of the State.
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