

HOUSE No. 1698

By Mr. King of Boston, petition of Melvin H. King, Royal L. Bolling, Jr., Mary H. Goode, Doris Bunte, Robert L. Fortes and Bill Owens for legislation to reduce the time required for parole permits to be granted to inmates of correctional institutions. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO REDUCE THE TIME REQUIRED FOR A PAROLE PERMIT TO ONE-THIRD OF AN INMATE'S SENTENCE.

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 133 of Chapter 127 of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in Chapter 291 of the Acts of 1966 is hereby amended by
3 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence:— Parole permits may be granted by the
5 parole board to prisoners subject to its jurisdiction at such time
6 as the board in each case may determine; provided (a) that no
7 prisoner shall receive a parole permit until he shall have served
8 $\frac{1}{3}$ of his sentence, but in any event not less than one year, or, if
9 he has two or more sentences to be served otherwise than
10 concurrently, $\frac{1}{3}$ of the aggregate of the minimum terms of such
11 several sentences, but in any event no less than one year for each
12 such sentence; (b) that no prisoner held under a sentence for a
13 crime committed while on parole shall receive a parole permit
14 until he shall have served $\frac{2}{3}$ of such sentence, or, if he has two
15 or more sentences to be served otherwise than concurrently for
16 offenses committed on parole, $\frac{2}{3}$ of the aggregate of the
17 minimum terms of such several sentences, but in any event not
18 less than two years for each such sentence.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ON THE 15TH MARCH 1881

BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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