

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray, other members of the House and another relative to the denial of bail for crimes punishable by death. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BAIL.

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. The third paragraph of section 58 of chapter 276
2 of the General Laws as most recently amended by section 2 of
3 chapter 802 of the acts of 1981 is hereby further amended by
4 inserting after the second sentence the following two sentences: —
5 The court may deny bail in cases of serious felonies. For pur-
6 poses of this section, serious felonies shall include crimes punisha-
7 ble by the death penalty.

1 SECTION 2. Section 58 of chapter 276 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 802 of the acts of 1981 is hereby
3 further amended by adding the following paragraph: —
4 The administrative justice of the district courts and the adminis-
5 trative justice of the municipal court of the City of Boston shall
6 prescribe forms for use in notification of the complainant upon
7 request of the complainant, regarding the amount of bail set and
8 whether said bail has been posted.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES

Article I, Section 1

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be admitted into or excluded from this Union according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including all bound Persons for Services, who are included in the Census, three fifths of all other Persons.

The Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No State shall be deprived of equal Representation in the Senate by any Act of Congress.

Each State shall have two Senators, who shall be chosen for the Term of Years, the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Senator shall be chosen who, when elected, shall not have attained to the Age of thirty Years, and seven Years shall have elapsed since the Emigration of the same Person from the State from which he shall be chosen.

Each State shall have one Representative, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors in the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Representative shall be chosen who, when elected, shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and seven Years shall have elapsed since the Emigration of the same Person from the State from which he shall be chosen.

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