

By Mr. Segel of Brookline, petition of James Segel and Francis H. Woodward that provision be made for the impanelling of grand jurors for Norfolk County for two sittings for terms of six months. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE IMPANELLING OF GRAND JURORS FOR THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK FOR TWO SITTINGS FOR TERMS OF SIX MONTHS.

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. Section 1 of chapter 277 of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 809 of the Acts of
3 1975, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence
4 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The clerk
5 of the courts of each county, except Suffolk, Middlesex,
6 Hampden, Norfolk and Plymouth shall, not less than twenty-
7 eight days before the commencement of the first sitting of the
8 superior court for criminal business in each year, issue writs of
9 venire facias for fifty veniremen, from whose numbers the court
10 shall select twenty-three grand jurors who shall serve in said court
11 until the first regular sitting in the year next after they have been
12 impanelled and until another grand jury has been impanelled in
13 their stead.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 277 is hereby further amended by
2 inserting after section 2D, inserted by section 2 of said chapter
3 809, the following section: —

4 *Section 2E.* The clerk of the court for Norfolk county shall,
5 not less than twenty-eight days before the first Mondays of
6 January and July, respectively, issue writs of venire facias for fifty
7 veniremen from whom the court shall select twenty-three grand
8 jurors to serve in said court, who shall serve for each sitting
9 thereof for six months and until another grand jury has been
10 impanelled in their stead.

1 SECTION 3. Section 3A of said chapter 277, as amended by
2 section 2A of said chapter 809, is hereby further amended by
3 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: —

5 On the day when veniremen are summoned pursuant to section
6 one, section two, section two A, section two B, section two C,
7 section two D, or section two E to attend court for the formation
8 of a grand jury, the clerk of courts in any county, or in Suffolk
9 county the clerk of the superior court for criminal business, shall
10 cause the name of each person so summoned, and who appears
11 and who has not been excused or set aside, to be written on
12 separate ballots, substantially of uniform size, and shall cause
13 such ballots to be placed in a box provided therefor.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.