

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Garrett H. Byrne and Michael F. Flaherty that provision be made for the prompt investigation, trial and disposition of major offenders within Suffolk County. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE PROMPT INVESTIGATION, TRIAL AND DISPOSITION OF MAJOR OFFENDERS WITHIN SUFFOLK 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 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 30 of the following:— SUFFOLK COUNTY
3 MAJOR OFFENDERS PROGRAM

4 *Section 31.* The District Attorney for Suffolk County shall
5 provide for the prompt indictment, trial and disposition of such
6 criminal cases as may be designated by the District Attorney as
7 “major offender cases”. In so designating the District Attorney
8 shall consider the following:

- 9 1. seriousness of the alleged offense (i.e., violent crimes);
- 10 2. the defendants record of prior convictions;
- 11 3. the existence and nature of the untried indictments pending
12 against the defendants; and
- 13 4. other crimes of such a nature that expeditious handling is
14 required to deter future similar activity.

15 a) In order to effecuate the above program, the District
16 Attorney may appoint 1 assistant at the sum equivalent to eighty
17 percent of the salary of the District Attorney, one assistant a sum
18 equivalent to seventy percent of the salary of the District
19 Attorney, five assistants at a sum equivalent to sixty percent of
20 the salary of the District Attorney, and one assistant at a sum
21 equivalent to fifty percent to the salary of the District Attorney.

22 b) The District Attorney for Suffolk County may appoint
23 support employees as the duties of this program may require,
24 provided, however, that the salaries of said employees shall not
25 exceed the sum annually appropriated thereof by the General
26 Court.

27 c) The Provisions of section nine A and forty-five of Chapter
28 thirty, Chapter thirty-one and Chapter one hundred and fifty E
29 shall not apply to appointments made hereunder.