

By Mr. DeNucci of Newton, petition of A. Joseph DeNucci and another for legislation to establish a priority prosecution unit in the office of the district attorney for the Northern District. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PRIORITY PROSECUTION UNIT IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT.

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 20C the following new section:

3 MIDDLESEX COUNTY PRIORITY
4 PROSECUTION PROGRAM.

5 *Section 20D.* The District Attorney for the Northern District
6 shall provide for the prompt indictment, trial and disposition of
7 such criminal cases as may be designated by the District Attorney
8 as "priority prosecution cases." In so designating the district attor-
9 ney shall consider the following:

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

16 a) In order to effectuate the above program, the district attorney
17 may appoint, and may at his pleasure remove the following persons
18 who shall devote their time during ordinary business hours to their
19 duties, shall neither directly nor indirectly engage in the practice of
20 law, and shall receive from the Commonwealth annual salaries as
21 follows:

22 one supervisory attorney, thirty-two thousand five hundred

23 eighty-two dollars and seventy cents; one staff attorney, thirty
24 thousand dollars; two staff attorneys, twenty-five thousand and
25 three hundred forty-two dollars and ten cents; two staff attorneys,
26 eighteen thousand one hundred and one dollars and fifty cents; one
27 chief investigator, twenty-two thousand dollars; two investigators,
28 eighteen thousand dollars; one trial list section manager, eighteen
29 thousand dollars; four administrative/legal secretaries, twelve
30 thousand dollars.