

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5579

By Mr. Roche of Springfield, petition of Richard P. Roche and others for legislation to provide for an interpreter for deaf persons serving as jurors in court proceedings. The Judiciary.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

### AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INTERPRETER FOR DEAF PERSONS SERVING AS JURORS IN COURT PROCEEDINGS.

*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 92A of chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section  
3 256 of chapter 478 of the acts of 1978, and inserting in place thereof  
4 the following sentence: — In any proceeding in any court in which  
5 a deaf person is a party or a witness or is serving as a juror, the court  
6 shall appoint a qualified interpreter to interpret the proceedings for  
7 such person unless such person waives, in writing, the appointment  
8 of such interpreter.

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### The Government of the State

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