

HOUSE No. 1577

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act allowing a court to appoint counsel before imposition of a jail sentence.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Eugene L. O'Flaherty

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ALLOWING A COURT TO APPOINT COUNSEL BEFORE IMPOSITION OF A JAIL SENTENCE.

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. Chapter 211D as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by striking out section 6
2 subsection b paragraph ii and inserting in place thereof the following:-
3 Said division shall be assigned to represent an indigent person who is before the probate and family court
4 department or the housing court department in a contempt proceeding before the court imposes upon such
5 person a jail or prison sentence or in such other counsel proceeding in said departments in which a person is
6 entitled to be represented by counsel.