

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David P. Linsky

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 to adequately compensate career prosecutors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

David P. Linsky

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1574 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine
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AN ACT TO ADEQUATELY COMPENSATE CAREER PROSECUTORS.

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 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
2 16 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

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4 Section 16. (A) Each district attorney shall, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions
5 of this section, appoint and may, at his pleasure, remove such assistant district attorneys as are
6 necessary to the functioning of the office of the district attorney. Assistant district attorneys shall
7 receive from the commonwealth salaries as recommended by the district attorney appointing
8 them, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions of this section but in no case shall the
9 annual salary of an assistant district attorney be less than forty thousand dollars, nor shall the
10 salary of an assistant district attorney with three years' experience as an assistant district attorney
11 be less than forty-five thousand dollars, nor shall the salary of an assistant district attorney with
12 five years' experience as an assistant district attorney be less than fifty-five thousand dollars, nor
13 shall the salary of an assistant district attorney with seven years' experience as an assistant
14 district attorney be less than sixty thousand dollars, nor shall the salary to an assistant district
15 attorney with ten years' experience as an assistant district attorney be less than sixty-five
16 thousand dollars. The provisions of sections nine A and forty-five of chapter thirty, chapter
17 thirty-one, and chapter one hundred and fifty E shall not apply to said assistant district attorneys.
18 Assistant district attorneys shall devote their full time during ordinary business hours to their
19 duties, and shall neither directly nor indirectly engage in the practice of law.

20 (B) Each district attorney shall, subject to appropriation and subject to the conditions of this
21 section, appoint and may, at his pleasure, remove such victim-witness advocates and child

22 interview specialists as are necessary to the functioning of the office of the district attorney.
23 Victim-witness advocates and child interview specialists shall receive from the commonwealth
24 salaries as recommended by the district attorney appointing them, subject to appropriation and
25 subject to the conditions of this section but in no case shall the annual salary of a victim-witness
26 advocate or child interview specialist be less than thirty-two thousand dollars, nor shall the salary
27 of a victim-witness advocate or child interview specialist with three years' experience in either or
28 both such position be less than thirty-eight thousand dollars.

29 SECTION 2. Sections 18, 19, 20, 28, and 20C of said chapter 12 are hereby repealed.