

HOUSE No.

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Eugene L. O'Flaherty	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:-
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4 Said division shall be assigned to represent an indigent person who is before the probate and family court
5 department or the housing court department in a contempt proceeding before the court imposes upon such
6 person a jail or prison sentence or in such other counsel proceeding in said departments in which a person is
7 entitled to be represented by counsel.
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