

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ms. Jehlen

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 relative to sending notice of criminal justice proceedings to victims .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00930 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SENDING NOTICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCEEDINGS TO VICTIMS .

*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. Section 3 of Chapter 258B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection after subsection (b) and renumbering the
3 remainder of the subsections: -
4 (c) for victims, to be notified by the prosecutor, in a timely manner, of all court proceedings related to
5 the offense committed against the victim, by certified mail sent to the last known address of the victim
6 as well as by a telephone call. In order to properly notify victims, a form shall be provided to them by the
7 prosecutor for the purpose of maintaining a current telephone number and address. The victim or
8 witness shall thereafter maintain with the prosecutor a current telephone number and address;