

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1246**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Claire D. Cronin***

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to the appointment of private counsel.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>

<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1246) of Claire D. Cronin and others relative to rates of compensation payable to counsel. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the appointment of private counsel.

*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 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following new sentence:—

4 The rates of compensation payable to all counsel, who are appointed or assigned to  
5 represent indigents within the private counsel division of the committee in accordance with the  
6 provisions of paragraph (b) of section 6, shall, subject to appropriation, be as follows: for  
7 homicide cases the rate of compensation shall be \$140 per hour; for superior court non-homicide  
8 cases, including sexually dangerous person cases, the rate of compensation shall be \$100 per  
9 hour; for district court cases, children in need of services cases, children and family law cases,  
10 care and protection cases, sex offender registry cases and mental health cases the rate of  
11 compensation shall be \$75 per hour.

12 SECTION 2. Section 11 of chapter 211D of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
13 amended by striking out the last paragraph.