

HOUSE No. 751

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>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>

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By Ms. Cronin of Easton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 751) of Claire D. Cronin and others relative to the rates of compensation payable to counsel appointed or assigned to represent indigent persons. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence in subsection (a) and
3 inserting in place 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 subsection (d).