SENATE No. 685

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Katherine M. Clark

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 providing further protection for grand jurors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Katherine M. Clark	Fifth Middlesex
Michael R. Knapik	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Middlesex District Attorney Gerry Leone	15 Commonwealth Avenue Woburn, MA
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By Ms. Clark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 685) of Katherine M. Clark, Michael R. Knapik and Cory Atkins for legislation to provide further protection for grand jurors. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act providing further protection for grand jurors.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- SECTION 1. Clause (8) of section 4 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing
- 2 in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words "grand or" from the
- 3 first sentence.
- 4 SECTION 2. Section 4 of chapter 234A is hereby further amended by adding the
- 5 following clause:-
- 9. Such person has served as a grand juror in any state or federal court within the
- 7 previous six calendar years or the person is currently scheduled to perform such service. Any
- 8 person claiming this disqualification must submit a letter or certificate from the appropriate clerk
- 9 of court or jury commissioner verifying such prior or pending juror service unless such service
- was performed or is pending in a court of the commonwealth.
- 11 SECTION 3. Section 62 of chapter 234A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008
- Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after the eleventh sentence, the following

- sentence:- These materials shall include an explanation of employer civil and criminal liability
- 14 under sections 60 and 61 of this chapter.