
Accompanying the first recommendation of the Commission on Interstate Co-operation (House, No. 106). State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE POWERS AND DUTIES
OF THE COMMISSION ON INTERSTATE CO-OPERATION.

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 twenty-one of chapter nine of
2 the General Laws, as appearing in section one of
3 chapter four hundred and four of the acts of nineteen
4 hundred and thirty-seven, is hereby amended by in-
5 serting after the word "duties" in the twenty-fifth
6 line the following:—, including travel within or
7 without the commonwealth. The written approval
8 by the chairman or vice-chairman and three other
9 members of the commission of bills or vouchers for
10 authorized expenses incurred by the commission shall
11 be sufficient to authorize the comptroller to certify
12 such bills or vouchers,— so as to read as follows:—
13 *Section 21.* There shall be in the department of the
14 state secretary, but in no way subject to his control,
15 a commission on interstate co-operation, in this and
16 the four following sections called the commission.
17 The commission shall consist of nine members of the
18 general court, of whom three shall be members of the

19 senate designated by the president thereof and six
20 shall be members of the house of representatives
21 designated by the speaker thereof, one of the commis-
22 sioners on uniform state laws designated by said
23 commissioners, the chairman or a member of the state
24 planning board designated by the governor, and four
25 persons, who may be state officials, appointed by the
26 governor. Members appointed by the governor shall
27 serve at his pleasure. Each member of the senate or
28 house of representatives designated as a member of
29 the commission shall hold office for the term of four
30 years, unless, prior to the expiration of such term, he
31 shall cease to be a member of said senate or house of
32 representatives; and, in any such event, the resulting
33 vacancy shall be filled by designation, for the re-
34 mainder of the unexpired term, made in the same man-
35 ner as an original designation. The chairman of the
36 commission shall be elected by the commission. The
37 members of the commission shall serve without com-
38 pensation but shall be paid their necessary expenses
39 incurred in the performance of their duties, including
40 travel within or without the commonwealth. The
41 written approval by the chairman or vice-chairman
42 and three other members of the commission of bills
43 or vouchers for authorized expenses incurred by the
44 commission shall be sufficient to authorize the comp-
45 troller to certify such bills or vouchers. The com-
46 mission may employ a secretary and such other
47 assistants, including technical experts, as may be
48 required in the performance of its duties.

1 SECTION 2. Section twenty-three of said chapter
2 nine, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking
3 out, in the ninth line, the word "five" and inserting

4 in place thereof the word:— three, — so as to read
5 as follows:— *Section 23.* It shall be a primary func-
6 tion of the commission to further the participation of
7 the commonwealth as a member of the council of
8 state governments, both regionally and nationally,
9 to confer with officials of other states and of the fed-
10 eral government, to formulate proposals for co-opera-
11 tion between this commonwealth and other states,
12 and with the federal government, and to organize
13 and maintain facilities for accomplishing these pur-
14 poses. The commission may delegate not more than
15 three of its members to attend any interstate confer-
16 ence that may be necessary or advisable in the con-
17 duct of its negotiations. The commission shall give
18 particular attention to the establishment of fair and
19 reasonable standards for labor and industry, includ-
20 ing minimum wages, maximum hours of labor, condi-
21 tions of employment of women and minors and other
22 conditions and standards of employment, and shall
23 also consider such questions as taxation and crime
24 prevention, and such other subjects as may from
25 time to time be referred to it by the governor or the
26 general court.

