

HOUSE No. 894

By Mr. Doherty of Boston, petition of Maurice J. Tobin (mayor of Boston) for appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the desirability of re-establishing the boundary lines of the county of Suffolk by detaching therefrom the territories of the town of Winthrop and the cities of Chelsea and Revere. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION TO STUDY THE DESIRABILITY OF RE-ESTABLISHING THE BOUNDARY LINES OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK BY DETACHING THEREFROM THE TERRITORIES OF THE TOWN OF WINTHROP AND THE CITIES OF CHELSEA AND REVERE.

1 *Whereas*, The county of Suffolk is comprised of
2 the territories of the town of Winthrop and of the
3 cities of Chelsea, Revere and Boston; and
4 *Whereas*, Under the conditions now pertaining the
5 entire financial burden of government of said county
6 of Suffolk is borne by the city of Boston, while the
7 town of Winthrop and the cities of Chelsea and Revere,
8 though deriving the benefits of said county govern-
9 ment, bear no portion of the cost thereof; and
10 *Whereas*, The existing situation is neither just nor
11 equitable to the taxpayers of the city of Boston;
12 therefore be it

13 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
14 consist of _____ members of the senate to be desig-
15 nated by the president thereof, _____ members of
16 the house of representatives to be designated by the
17 speaker thereof, and _____ persons to be appointed
18 by the governor, is hereby established to study the
19 desirability of re-establishing the boundary lines of
20 said county of Suffolk, by detaching therefrom the
21 territories of said town of Winthrop and of said cities
22 of Chelsea and Revere, and to consider the advisability
23 of attaching such detached territories to some other
24 county or counties of the commonwealth, or of the
25 establishment of a new county to consist of the terri-
26 tories of said town and said cities of Chelsea and
27 Revere.

28 The commission shall elect its own chairman, shall
29 be provided with quarters in the state house, shall
30 hold hearings and, with the advice and consent of the
31 governor and council, may expend for clerical and
32 other expenses such sum not exceeding _____ dollars
33 as the general court may hereafter appropriate. The
34 commission shall report the results of its study and
35 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of
36 such legislation as it may deem necessary to give
37 effect to the same by filing the same with the clerk
38 of the house of representatives on or before December
39 second in the current year.