

SENATE No. 1335

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1335) of Arthur Joseph Lewis, Jr., for legislation relative to the Commission on Interstate Co-operation State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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 Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby amended by strik-
2 ing out section 21 and inserting in place thereof the following: —
3 *Section 21.* There shall be in the department of the state
4 secretary, but in no way subject to his control, a commission
5 on interstate co-operation, in this and the four following sec-
6 tions called the commission. The commission shall consist of
7 nine members of the general court, of whom three shall be
8 members of the senate designated by the president thereof and
9 six shall be members of the house of representatives
10 designated by the speaker thereof, one of the commissioners
11 on uniform state laws designated by said commissioners, and
12 four persons, who may be state officials, appointed by the
13 governor. Members appointed by the governor shall serve at
14 his pleasure. Each member of the senate or house of represen-
15 tatives designated as a member of the commission shall hold
16 office for the term of four years, unless prior to the expiration
17 of such term he shall cease to be a member of said senate or
18 house of representatives; and, in any such event, the resulting
19 vacancy shall be filled by designation, for the remainder of
20 the unexpired term, made in the same manner as an original
21 designation. The chairman and the vice-chairman of the com-
22 mission shall be elected by the commission. The members of
23 the commission shall serve without compensation but shall be
24 paid their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
25 their duties. The written approval by the chairman or vice-

26 chairman and one other member of the commission of bills
27 or vouchers for necessary expenses incurred by the commis-
28 sion shall be sufficient to authorize the comptroller to certify
29 such bills or vouchers. The commission may employ a
30 secretary and such other assistants, including technical ex-
31 perts, as may be required in the performance of its duties.