

SENATE . . . No. 371

To accompany the petition of Maurice J. Tobin, Mayor of the city of Boston, for the 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 town of Winthrop and the cities of Chelsea and Revere, Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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
8 Revere, though deriving the benefits of said county
9 government, 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 designated by
15 the president thereof, members of the
16 house of representatives to be designated by the
17 speaker thereof, and persons to be ap-
18 pointed by the governor, is hereby established to
19 study the desirability of re-establishing the boundary
20 lines of said county of Suffolk, by detaching there-
21 from the territories of said town of Winthrop and of
22 said cities of Chelsea and Revere, and to consider the
23 advisability of attaching such detached territories to
24 some other county or counties of the commonwealth,
25 or of the establishment of a new county to consist
26 of the territories of said town and said cities of Chelsea
27 and 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
33 dollars as the general court may hereafter appropriate.
34 The commission shall report the results of its study
35 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts
36 of 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.