

HOUSE No. 2079

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 7, 1946.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the message from His Excellency the Governor recommending that the General Court carry out the provisions of the Constitution relative to apportionment of the Commonwealth into Councillor, Senatorial and Representative districts (House, No. 1977), report the accompanying order (House, No. 2079).

For the committees,

JOHN H. VALENTINE.

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Ordered, That a joint special committee, to consist of eight Senators to be designated by the President of the Senate, and twenty-four Representatives to be designated by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, be established to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of recommending a new division of the Commonwealth into Councillor and Senatorial districts and a new apportionment of Representatives to the several counties, under the provisions of the Constitution, for the period commencing at the time when the new Councillor, Senatorial and Representative districts become operative thereunder and ending at the time when such districts cease to be operative thereunder.

The committee may expend for clerical and other necessary expenses, including the procuring of maps, such sums, not exceeding thirty-five hundred dollars, as may be appropriated therefor; shall be provided with quarters in the State House; and shall be entitled to receive from the State Secretary a tabulated statement showing the number of legal voters in nineteen hundred and thirty-five and nineteen hundred and forty-five, arranged by Councillor, Senatorial and Representative districts as respectively determined by the decennial census of said years, and such further data and information in his possession as may be of assistance to the committee.

The committee shall make a report to the General Court by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives not later than the first day of December in the current year, with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the Constitution in relation to the aforesaid matters.