
By Mr. Bailey of Somerville, petition of George B. Rowell for the appointment of a special commission to investigate and study the cause and prevention of sex crimes, the advisability of imposing mandatory sentences in such cases and more stringent supervision of offenders after their release. Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND FURTHER STUDY OF THE CAUSE AND PREVENTION OF SERIOUS SEX CRIMES, AS WELL AS THE ADVISABILITY OF IMPOSING MANDATORY SENTENCES AND MORE STRINGENT SUPERVISION OF OFFENDERS AFTER THEIR RELEASE.

1 *Resolved*, That a non-paid special commission to
2 consist of two members of the senate, to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives, to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and five persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of
7 further study of the cause and prevention of serious
8 sex crimes, as well as the advisability of imposing sub-
9 stantial mandatory sentences upon conviction and a
10 more stringent supervision of offenders upon their
11 release, with a view to determining the advisability or
12 necessity of revisions of the laws governing serious sex
13 offenders.

14 Said commission may expend for clerical and other
15 assistance and expenses such sums not exceeding in

16 the aggregate dollars as may hereafter be appro-
17 priated therefore. Said commission shall be provided
18 with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may re-
19 quire by summons the attendance and testimony of wit-
20 nesses and the production of books and papers. The
21 commission shall report to the general court the result
22 of its investigations and recommendations, if any,
23 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
24 its recommendations into effect, by filing one or more
25 reports with the clerk of the house at such time or
26 times as the commission may elect, provided that the
27 commission shall so file its final report not later than
28 the first Wednesday in May in the year nineteen
29 hundred and forty-seven.