

HOUSE No. 169

By Mr. Piemonte of Boston, petition of Gabriel Francis Piemonte for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to practice and procedure in probate courts. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE IN PROBATE COURTS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to
2 consist of one member 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 three persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, is hereby established to make an investi-
7 gation and study relative to practice and procedure
8 in the probate courts, other than practice and pro-
9 cedure in divorce cases, with a view to providing uni-
10 form practice and procedure in said courts and to
11 making such changes in the probate laws as may be
12 necessary or desirable. Said commission shall hold
13 hearings, shall be provided with quarters in the state
14 house or elsewhere and may expend for expenses and
15 legal, clerical and other assistance such sums as may
16 be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall

17 report to the general court the results of its investi-
18 gation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
19 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
20 said recommendations into effect, by filing the same
21 with the clerk of the house of representatives not later
22 than the first Wednesday of December in the current
23 year.