

To accompany the petition of Ralph V. Clampit that the special commission established to investigate the existence and extent of organized crime and gambling and other related matters within the Commonwealth be revived and continued. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

RESOLVE REVIVING AND FURTHER CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE THE EXISTENCE AND EXTENT OF ORGANIZED CRIME AND GAMBLING, AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS, WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, es-
2 tablished by chapter one hundred of the resolves of
3 nineteen hundred and fifty-three, is hereby revived
4 and continued for the purpose of continuing its in-
5 vestigation of the existence and extent of organized
6 crime and gambling, and other related matters, within
7 the commonwealth.

8 Said commission may request the commissioner of
9 public safety to assist it in its investigation, and he
10 shall furnish such information in his possession as re-
11 quested, and assign such assistants and investigators
12 as may be requested, and said commission may require
13 co-operation from all agencies of state and local gov-
14 ernments. Said commission may employ such legal,
15 expert, clerical and other assistants as it deems
16 necessary.

17 Said commission may require by summons the at-
18 tendance and testimony of witnesses and the produc-
19 tion of books and papers before it relating to any
20 matter investigated by it in pursuance of this resolve.
21 Such a summons may be issued by the commission
22 upon a vote of said commission and shall be served in

23 the same manner as summonses for witnesses in crimi-
24 nal cases issued in behalf of the commonwealth, and
25 all provisions of law relative to summonses issued in
26 such cases shall apply to summonses issued under au-
27 thority of this resolve, so far as they are applicable.
28 Such witnesses shall, before testifying, be sworn.
29 Any justice of the supreme judicial or of the superior
30 court may, upon application of the commission, com-
31 pel the attendance of witnesses summoned as afore-
32 said and the giving of testimony before said commis-
33 sion in furtherance of any investigation under this
34 resolve, in the same manner and to the same extent
35 as before said courts. No person shall be excused
36 from attending and testifying in the course of such
37 investigation, or from producing any books, papers
38 or documents, on the ground that his testimony or
39 evidence, documentary or otherwise, may tend to
40 criminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture;
41 but he shall not be prosecuted or subjected to penalty
42 or forfeiture for or on account of any action, matter
43 or thing concerning which he may be required to
44 testify or produce evidence, documentary or other-
45 wise, in the course of such investigation, except for
46 perjury committed in such testimony.

47 The taking of motion pictures or broadcasting by
48 radio or television of any proceeding in connection
49 with any meeting or hearing of said commission is
50 hereby prohibited.

51 For the purposes of such investigation said commis-
52 sion may expend the unexpended balance of the
53 amount appropriated therefor in nineteen hundred
54 and fifty-three, and such additional sums as may be
55 hereafter appropriated.

56 Said commission is hereby further directed to report
57 to the general court the results of its investigations
58 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts
59 of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations
60 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
61 senate from time to time but not later than the last
62 Wednesday in December in the current year.