
By Mr. Gott of Arlington, petition of Hollis M. Gott and Ralph C. Mahar for legislation to continue further the special commission (including members of the General Court) established to make an investigation relative to the problems of taxation. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE FURTHER CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE PROBLEMS OF TAXATION.

1 *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, known
2 as the special commission on taxation, established by
3 chapter eighty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred
4 and forty-eight, whose membership was increased by
5 chapter fifty-one of the resolves of nineteen hundred and
6 forty-nine, and which was most recently continued by
7 chapter ninety-three of the resolves of nineteen hundred
8 and fifty-four, is hereby further continued for the pur-
9 pose of continuing its investigation and study relative to
10 the problems of taxation. Said commission shall make
11 an investigation and study of the general subject of
12 taxation in the commonwealth, including among other
13 things the assessment and collection of taxes and the
14 distribution of such taxes. Said commission shall also
15 make such investigation and study with a view to the
16 revision and codification of the laws relating to taxation
17 and to the recommending of such changes therein and
18 additions thereto as may appear necessary or desirable.

19 Said commission may hold public hearings and may
20 call upon officials of the commonwealth or its subdivisions
21 for such information as it may desire in the course of its
22 investigation and study, shall be provided with quarters
23 in the state house or elsewhere, and shall have the

24 power to summon witnesses and to require the produc-
25 tion of books, records, contracts and papers and the
26 giving of testimony under oath. Said commission may
27 expend for expert, clerical and other services and ex-
28 penses the balance available in item 0239-00 of section
29 two of chapter six hundred and thirty-two of the acts of
30 nineteen hundred and fifty-two, item 0239-00 of section
31 two of chapter six hundred and seventy-five of the acts
32 of nineteen hundred and fifty-three, item 0239-00 of
33 section two of chapter six hundred and eighty-seven of
34 the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-four and such
35 other sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said com-
36 mission shall report to the general court the results of its
37 investigation and study and its recommendations, if
38 any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to
39 carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the
40 same with the clerk of the house of representatives from
41 time to time and by filing a final report on or before the
42 first Wednesday in December in the year nineteen
43 hundred and fifty-five.