

# SENATE . . . . No. 494

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To accompany the petition of Patrick J. McDonough that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to combining the Department of Public Works and the Metropolitan District Commission into a single department. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO COMBINING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION INTO A SINGLE DEPARTMENT.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to con-  
2 sist of three persons to be appointed by the president of  
3 the senate, two of whom shall be members thereof, three  
4 persons to be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives, two of whom shall be members thereof,  
6 and three persons to be appointed by the governor, is  
7 hereby established for the purpose of making an investi-  
8 gation and study relative to the feasibility and advisa-  
9 bility of combining the department of public works and  
10 the metropolitan district commission into a single de-  
11 partment. Said commission shall be provided with quar-  
12 ters in the state house or elsewhere, shall hold public  
13 hearings, may travel within and without the common-  
14 wealth, and may expend for clerical and other services  
15 and expenses such sums as may be appropriated there-  
16 for. Said commission shall report to the general court  
17 the results of its investigation and study, and its recom-  
18 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation  
19 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by  
20 filing the same with the clerk of the house of repre-  
21 sentatives on or before the first Wednesday of January  
22 in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six.

