

By Mr. Bisbee of Chesterfield, petition of Charles A. Bisbee, Jr., for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the relationship between the Department of Public Works and the problems of construction and maintenance of state highways with a view to developing an accelerated highway program. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE SUBJECT OF STATE AID, NON-STATE HIGHWAYS AND STREETS, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE BY STATE HIGHWAY FUND OF SUCH HIGHWAYS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to con-
2 sist of two members of the senate, to be appointed by
3 the president, three members of the house, to be ap-
4 pointed by the speaker, and three members to be ap-
5 pointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a mayor
6 or city manager, one of whom shall be a selectman, and
7 one of whom shall be a duly appointed superintendent of
8 streets of any municipality within the state, is hereby
9 established for the purpose of investigating and study-
10 ing the entire relationship between the state department
11 of public works and the problems of construction and
12 maintenance of so-called chapter eighty-one highways,
13 chapter ninety highways and other highways and streets,
14 with a view to developing an accelerated highway pro-
15 gram for secondary highways, non-state highways and
16 streets.

17 Said commission shall study the methods of distribu-
18 tions of highway funds to municipalities, and shall study

19 the problems of financing snow and ice removal on these
20 same highways. The study shall include any and all
21 other subjects relative to non-state highways.

22 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the
23 state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, travel within
24 and without the commonwealth, employ experts, clerical
25 and other assistants, and may expend therefor such sums
26 as may be appropriated therefor.

27 Said commission shall report to the general court the
28 results of its investigation and study, and its recommenda-
29 tions, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary
30 to carry said recommendations into effect, by filing the
31 same with the clerk of the senate on or before the third
32 Wednesday of January in the year nineteen hundred and
33 fifty-seven.