

By Messrs. Campbell of Cambridge and Sennott of Cambridge, petition of John J. Campbell, John R. Sennott, Jr., and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the power facilities of the Metropolitan Transit Authority and the feasibility of establishing a metropolitan power and lighting authority. Metropolitan Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE POWER DEPARTMENT, POWER PLANT AND POWER FACILITIES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A METROPOLITAN POWER AND LIGHTING AUTHORITY.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to con-  
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by the  
3 president thereof, three members of the house of rep-  
4 resentatives to be designated by the speaker thereof,  
5 and two persons to be appointed by the governor, is  
6 hereby established for the purpose of making investiga-  
7 tion and study relative to the power department, power  
8 plant and power facilities of the Metropolitan Transit  
9 Authority.

10 The commission shall, in the course of its investigation  
11 and study, consider the extent to which the present  
12 equipment of the said power plant is used, the extent to  
13 which maintenance is provided and depreciation allowed  
14 of said power equipment, the fact that the Metropolitan  
15 Transit Authority is now owned by the sixteen cities  
16 and towns which comprise the Metropolitan Transit  
17 Authority and that a consolidation of power facilities  
18 would eliminate the duplication of poles and other power  
19 equipment, reduce maintenance costs and therefore re-

20 duce the basic tax rate of the said sixteen communities.  
21 Said commission shall in the course of its investigations  
22 confer with representatives of the Metropolitan Transit  
23 Authority, the metropolitan district commission and  
24 officials of the sixteen cities and towns now comprising  
25 the Metropolitan Transit Authority.

26 The said commission shall, in the course of its investi-  
27 gation and study, determine the feasibility of the use of  
28 the facilities of the said power department of the Met-  
29 ropolitan Transit Authority for purposes of street light-  
30 ing and power consumed by the said sixteen cities and  
31 towns now comprising the Metropolitan Transit Au-  
32 thority as well as for street lighting and power consumed  
33 by the metropolitan district commission. It shall also  
34 consider the feasibility of establishing a metropolitan  
35 power and light authority to accomplish these purposes  
36 for the benefit of the said sixteen cities and towns.

37 The commission shall be provided with quarters in  
38 the state house or elsewhere, shall hold public hearings  
39 and shall have the power to summon witnesses and to  
40 require the production of books, records, contracts and  
41 papers and the giving of testimony under oath. The  
42 commission may spend for clerical and other services  
43 and expenses such sums as may hereafter be appropri-  
44 ated therefor. Said commission shall report to the gen-  
45 eral court the results of its investigation and study, and  
46 its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of  
47 legislation necessary to carry said recommendations into  
48 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of  
49 representatives not later than the first Wednesday of  
50 December in the current year.