

HOUSE No. 2961

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 3, 1956.

The committee on Counties, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1517) of Michael Herbert Cantwell, Charles L. Patrone and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the organization and apportionment of expenses of Suffolk County, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1925) of Daniel M. O'Sullivan for legislation relative to the payment of the expenses of Suffolk County by the cities of Boston, Chelsea and Revere and the town of Winthrop, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2961).

For the committee,

FRANCIS HICKEY.

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 ORGANIZATION
AND APPORTIONMENT OF EXPENSE OF SUFFOLK COUNTY.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same,
as follows:*

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to con-
2 sist of two members of the senate to be designated by
3 the president thereof, three members of the house of
4 representatives 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 an investi-
7 gation and study of the laws of the commonwealth rela-
8 tive to the organization and apportionment of expense
9 of the county of Suffolk, with a view to determining
10 what changes in said laws may be necessary to secure a
11 fair and equitable apportionment of expense for the
12 county of Suffolk among the town and cities comprising
13 it. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in
14 the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may
15 require by summons the attendance and testimony of
16 witnesses and the production of books and papers, and
17 may expend for clerical and other assistance and for ex-
18 penses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said
19 commission shall report to the general court the results
20 of its investigation and study, and its recommendations,
21 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to
22 carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same
23 with the clerk of the house of representatives not later
24 than the first Wednesday of December in the current
25 year.