

SENATE No. 132

To accompany the petition of Daniel Rudsten that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the feasibility of establishing a Massachusetts department of economic development. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

1 *Whereas*, Massachusetts industry, large and small, is
2 steadily and surely being induced to move to other parts
3 of the country by the continuous hijacking tactics and
4 piratical raids being conducted by other states offering
5 various and persuasive inducements; and
6 *Whereas*, Massachusetts industry, large and small, is
7 handicapped in its struggle for survival and the main-
8 tenance of vigorous and competitive levels in relation to
9 industry in other states by the lack of co-operation and
10 cohesion in state agencies and their organization in the
11 commonwealth; therefore be it
12 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to be
13 known as the Commission for the Economic Develop-
14 ment of Massachusetts, is hereby established for the
15 purpose of investigation and studying the feasibility of
16 establishing a Massachusetts department of economic
17 development. Said commission shall consist of one mem-
18 ber of the senate to be designated by the president
19 thereof, three members of the house of representatives
20 to be designated by the speaker thereof, and three per-

21 sons to be appointed by the governor, and is hereby
22 established for the purposes hereinafter set forth.

23 Said commission shall make a thorough investigation
24 and study relative to the feasibility of establishing a
25 Massachusetts department of economic development to
26 consist of a division of industrial development, a Massa-
27 chusetts industrial authority; a division of transporta-
28 tion, a Massachusetts transportation authority; a divi-
29 sion of commerce, a Massachusetts trade authority, and
30 any other matters relating thereto which will tend to
31 improve the condition of Massachusetts industry, trans-
32 portation and commerce, and to increase the prosperity
33 of the commonwealth. Said commission may employ
34 expert and technical assistance for research and other
35 work. Said commission shall consult with appropriate
36 officers and boards of municipalities and other state
37 agencies, and may request assistance of such govern-
38 mental agencies, local, state and federal, as will further
39 the purposes herein set forth. Said commission shall be
40 provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere,
41 may hold hearings, may require by summons the at-
42 tendance and testimony under oath of witnesses and the
43 production of books and papers; may travel within and
44 without the commonwealth and may expend for legal,
45 clerical and other assistance, and for expenses, such sums
46 as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall
47 report the results of its investigation and study and its
48 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legisla-
49 tion necessary to carry its recommendations into effect,
50 and shall file its final report with the clerk of the house
51 of representatives not later than the first Wednesday in
52 December, nineteen hundred and fifty-six.