
To accompany the petition of John E. Powers that provision be made to establish a surplus contingency fund to be used only in an emergency and upon two-thirds vote of members of each branch. Joint Ways and Means.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A SURPLUS CONTINGENCY FUND TO BE USED ONLY IN AN EMERGENCY AND UPON TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF MEMBERS OF EACH BRANCH.

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

1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following section:—

3 *Section 64.* Notwithstanding any other provision of this or
4 other chapters of the General Laws or of any special law, now
5 or hereafter enacted, in either case, the unencumbered bal-
6 ance of all appropriations which revert to the commonwealth
7 at the close of a designated fiscal year or at any later time
8 shall be placed in a fund which shall be called the special
9 contingency fund.

10 No appropriation shall be made from said fund except by a
11 separate and specific bill, limited in scope to the sole subject
12 of the appropriation and the objects of said appropriation,
13 which bill shall require a two-thirds affirmative vote by call
14 of the yeas and nays in each branch of the legislature. No
15 appropriation from the said fund contained in the general
16 or any supplementary appropriation bill shall be valid or
17 effective as such.

To accompany the passage of John E. Lee as that provision is made to
provide a certain number of seats to be used only in an emergency and
upon two-thirds vote of members of each house. John E. Lee and James

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year of the Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six

THE SENATE DO HEREBY ENACTED A BILL WHICH COME UPON THE ORDER OF THE
HOUSE FOR THE FIRST TIME ON THE TWENTY-NINTH DAY OF FEBRUARY
LAST AND WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Senate and House of Representatives be authorized to
appoint a commission to inquire into the condition of the State
and to report thereon to the next session of the Legislature.

SECTION 2. That the said commission shall consist of seven members,
to be appointed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 3. That the said commission shall have the honor of the
Senate and House of Representatives and shall be authorized to
employ such assistants and agents as may be necessary for the
proper discharge of its duties.

SECTION 4. That the said commission shall have access to all
public records and documents in the possession of the State
and shall be authorized to examine and take copies of the same.

SECTION 5. That the said commission shall have the right to
hear and receive evidence in support of its report.

SECTION 6. That the said commission shall be authorized to
employ such clerical and other personnel as may be necessary
for the proper discharge of its duties.

SECTION 7. That the said commission shall be authorized to
make such recommendations as it may deem proper to the
Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 8. That the said commission shall be authorized to
make such recommendations as it may deem proper to the
Senate and House of Representatives.

SECTION 9. That the said commission shall be authorized to
make such recommendations as it may deem proper to the
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