

HOUSE No. 1638

By Mr. Kelly of Boston, petition of James H. Kelly for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the consolidation of twenty-two cities and towns in greater Boston into one city. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CONSOLIDATING TWENTY-TWO CITIES AND TOWNS IN GREATER BOSTON INTO ONE CITY.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, five members of the house of representatives to be
4 designated by the speaker thereof, one person from each of the
5 twenty-two cities and towns listed hereunder to be appointed
6 by the governor, and four additional members to be appointed
7 by the governor, of whom two shall be recognized city planners,
8 is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation
9 and study relative to consolidating into one city, to be governed
10 by an executive head and a council, the following twenty-two
11 cities and towns:—Arlington, Belmont, Boston, Brookline,
12 Cambridge, Chelsea, Dedham, Everett, Malden, Medford,
13 Melrose, Milton, Needham, Newton, Quincy, Revere, Somer-
14 ville, Stoneham, Waltham, Watertown, Winchester and Win-
15 throp. Said commission may recommend that additional
16 cities or towns be included or that any of the aforementioned
17 cities or towns be excluded.

18 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state
19 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons
20 the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production
21 of books and papers, may travel within and without the com-
22 monwealth, and may expend for legal, clerical and other assist-

23 ance and for expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
 24 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
 25 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
 26 together with drafts of legislation, including a charter, necessary
 27 to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
 28 the clerk of the house of representatives on or before the last
 29 Wednesday of December in the current year.

The Commission on Governmental Reorganization

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

1. That an official record be made of the proceedings of the commission during its existence, and that the same be preserved in the archives of the state.

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