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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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REPORT BY THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION  
RELATIVE TO A STUDY OF THE WATER SUPPLY  
OF THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGION.

January 22, 1964.

*To the General Court of Massachusetts:*

Under the provisions of Chapter 29, Resolves of 1962 the Water Resources Commission was authorized to continue the study authorized by Chapter 32, Resolves of 1961.

No funds were appropriated by the Commonwealth for either resolve. However, Berkshire County appropriated \$7,500 during the 1963 calendar year which has been deposited with the state treasurer. The commission has entered into an agreement with the U. S. Geological Survey to undertake a groundwater and surface water study of the county on a 50-50 matching fund basis. The work is now in progress and all of the funds will be expended by June 30, 1964.

This project will take a total of about three years to complete and will require a state appropriation of \$15,000 for the Commonwealth's share in the cost.

As this project is very worthy and in view of the past years drought and widespread water shortages, it is recommended that the time for the Commission to file its final report with the Clerk of the Senate be extended to the fourth Wednesday in December in the year 1965 with authorization to file progress reports from time to time as the various phases of the work are completed.

A draft of suggested legislation to continue this study is included in Appendix A.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Chairman*

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[APPENDIX A]

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PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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RESOLVE CONTINUING THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE BERKSHIRE COUNTY REGION.

- 1 *Resolved*, That the water resources commission is hereby
- 2 authorized to continue the investigation authorized by Chapter
- 3 29 of the Resolves of 1962. Said commission shall file its
- 4 final report not later than the fourth Wednesday in December,
- 5 1965, and is authorized to file progress reports as various
- 6 phases of the work are completed.