
By Mr. Ward, a petition of Joseph D. Ward for legislation to establish a commission on legislative ethics. Rules (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS.

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

1 There shall be a commission on Legislative Ethics to
2 consist of three members of the senate and five members of
3 the house of representatives. Said commission shall consider
4 the circumstances under and the extent to which actions by
5 legislators may lead to improper conflicts of interest. In any
6 grievance against any member of the legislature, said com-
7 mission shall sit as a board of inquiry, shall summons and hear
8 witnesses, and shall submit its findings and recommendations
9 to the appropriate branch of the general court for such action
10 as it deems necessary.

11 Said commission shall seek to establish certain standards of
12 integrity for members of the general court and for all other
13 state, municipal and county officers; shall examine the sub-
14 ject matter of chapter two hundred and sixty-six A of the
15 General Laws, relative to the conduct of public officials and
16 employees, with a view to amending or revising the same, and
17 thereby promoting the efficiency and integrity of the public
18 service. Said commission shall report to the general court from
19 time to time by filing the same with the clerk of the senate.

IN SENATE, January 10, 1888.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1887.

ALBANY: PUBLISHED BY THE STATE PRINTING OFFICE, 1888.

The Commission on the Land Office has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Commissioners of the Land Office for the year ending December 31, 1887. The report is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the land resources of the State, and it is gratifying to find that the Commission has been able to secure so much information in regard to the land resources of the State. The report is divided into two parts, the first of which contains a general description of the land resources of the State, and the second of which contains a detailed description of the land resources of the State. The report is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the land resources of the State, and it is gratifying to find that the Commission has been able to secure so much information in regard to the land resources of the State.