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To accompany the petition of William J. Look for the appointment of a special commission to investigate the laws relating to nominations and elections. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Five.

Resolve providing for an Investigation by a Special Commission into the Laws relating to Nominations and Elections.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission,  
2 to consist of three senators, to be designated by  
3 the president of the senate, five representatives,  
4 to be designated by the speaker of the house of  
5 representatives, and three additional members  
6 to be appointed by the governor, is hereby  
7 established for the purpose of considering  
8 changes in the laws relating to elections and  
9 nominations. Said commission shall make  
10 special investigation and study into the methods  
11 of nominating candidates who are voted for at  
12 biennial state elections, and shall make recom-  
13 mendations as to the expediency and feasibility  
14 of modifying or abolishing the present system  
15 of direct nominations by primary. The com-  
16 mission shall also consider the desirability of  
17 extending the privileges of absent voting, the  
18 composition of political committees, the listing

19 of voters, and such other amendments to chap-  
20 ters fifty to fifty-seven, inclusive, of the General  
21 Laws as it may deem advisable. The commis-  
22 sion shall be provided with quarters in the state  
23 house, may hold hearings throughout the com-  
24 monwealth, may require the attendance and  
25 testimony of witnesses and the production of  
26 books and papers, may administer oaths, and  
27 may expend for assistance and other expenses  
28 such sums, not exceeding  
29 dollars, as may be approved by the governor  
30 and council. The commission shall report the  
31 results of its investigations to the general court  
32 not later than the first Wednesday of January,  
33 nineteen hundred and twenty-six, with drafts  
34 of such legislation as it may recommend.



