

By Mr. Edward J. Kelley of Worcester, petition of Charles H. McGlue for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to report such changes in the laws as will completely restore home rule to cities and towns. Committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Jan. 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve to provide for a Commission to report such Changes in the Laws as will completely restore Home Rule to Cities and Towns.

1 *Resolved*, That the governor shall designate a
2 commission comprising the attorney general of the
3 commonwealth, the mayor of Boston, the mayor of
4 Fall River, and two members of the senate, and
5 four members of the house of representatives, to
6 report to the next session of the great and general
7 court such changes in the statutes as are necessary
8 to restore to the cities of the commonwealth a com-
9 plete measure of control of their own government,
10 and of the appointments of officers in the public
11 service.

12 They shall also report the manner in which the
13 burdens of taxation for the support of state ad-
14 ministrative and police agencies is distributed
15 among the cities and towns of the state, and
16 whether the cities are being unreasonably discrim-
17 inated against by being taxed to provide for the
18 policing and public administrative functions of
19 towns.

20 They shall report forms of permissive legisla-
21 tion giving to municipalities the right to acquire,
22 construct, own, lease, and operate within or with-
23 out their corporate limits any public utility, the
24 product or service of which is or is to be supplied
25 to the municipality or its inhabitants and to enter
26 into contracts for any such products or service.

27 They shall report such changes or additional
28 statutes as may be necessary to enforce terms of
29 existing franchises and contracts.

30 They shall also report such legislation as may
31 afford a revocation of a public franchise or a
32 limitation of its tenure and terms.

33 This commission shall report to the great and
34 general court on or before the third Wednesday in
35 January, nineteen hundred and twenty-seven, and
36 shall be allowed such sums for expenses as may be
37 approved by the governor and council.

