

SENATE No. 416

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE April 30, 1930.

The committees on Rules of the two branches acting concurrently, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying resolve, Senate, No. 390) of Newland H. Holmes for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to investigate the operation of the limited town meeting system and the establishment of standard forms thereof, report the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 416).

For the committee,

SAMUEL H. WRAGG.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty.

Resolve providing for an Investigation relative to the Operation of the Limited Town Meeting System and the Establishment of Standard Forms thereof.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission to
2 consist of one senator to be designated by the
3 president of the senate, three representatives to
4 be designated by the speaker of the house of
5 representatives and three citizens to be appointed
6 by the governor, with the advice and consent of
7 the council, is hereby established for the purpose
8 of inquiring into the operation of the limited town
9 meeting system and other modified forms of town
10 administration in the various towns in which the
11 same has been established by law and as to the
12 expediency of including in the General Laws a
13 group of plans embodying the limited town meet-
14 ing form of government and other modified forms
15 of town administration, any one of which plans
16 a town might by law be authorized to accept in
17 accordance with the provisions of Article LXX
18 of the amendments to the constitution of the
19 commonwealth. If such inclusion is found to be
20 expedient, said commission is hereby authorized
21 to formulate said plans and to make drafts of
22 legislation necessary to their enactment into law.

23 The commission is further authorized to investi-
24 gate and make recommendations relative to any
25 related phase of town government. The com-
26 mission shall be furnished with quarters in the
27 state house, may hold hearings, and may expend
28 from such appropriation as may hereafter be made
29 such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,
30 dollars as the governor and council
31 may approve. Said commission shall report to
32 the general court the results of its investigation
33 and its recommendations, if any, together with
34 drafts of legislation necessary to give effect
35 thereto, by filing the same with the clerk of the
36 senate on or before the first Wednesday of Decem-
37 ber in the current year.

