
By Messrs. Capraro of Boston and Cella of Medford, petition of Alexander J. Cella and Charles W. Capraro for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the abolition of the death penalty in capital cases. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE ABOLITION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN CAPITAL CASES.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of
2 three members of the senate to be designated by the president
3 thereof, five members of the house of representatives to be
4 designated by the speaker thereof, and three persons to be
5 appointed by the governor, is hereby established for the
6 purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the
7 abolition of the death penalty in capital cases. Said com-
8 mission shall be provided with adequate quarters in the state
9 house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings, may travel
10 within and without the commonwealth, and may expend for
11 professional, clerical and other services and expenses such
12 sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission
13 shall report to the general court the results of its investigation
14 and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with
15 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations
16 into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
17 representatives not later than the first Wednesday in Decem-
18 ber of the current year.

