

By Mr. Frank of Boston (by request), petition of R. Duff Ramsey for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to public humiliation as an alternative to prison sentences. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO PUBLIC HUMILIATION AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO PRISON SENTENCES FOR THE COMMISSION OF CERTAIN OFFENSES.

1 *Resolved*, That a Special Commission is hereby established for
2 the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the
3 institution of Public Humiliation alternatives as sentences for
4 certain adults convicted of crimes classified as misdemeanors
5 according to the General Laws and for certain juveniles convicted
6 of the commission of criminal offenses of all types.

7 The Commission shall consist of eleven members, including two
8 members of the House of Representatives, two members of the
9 Senate, the Commissioner of Corrections or his designee, the
10 Commissioner of the Department of Youth Service or his designee,
11 the Attorney-General or his designee, and four members
12 appointed by the Governor, of which at least one shall be a
13 psychiatrist or a psychologist.

14 The commission shall conduct public hearings in various regions
15 of the Commonwealth. It shall publish a written report to the
16 General Court no later than December 1, 1978.

17 It is the intention of this resolve that prior to the imposition of
18 any sentence of the type contemplated herein, that the person
19 convicted shall have undergone at least one psychological or
20 psychiatric examination. The professional consultant shall have
21 delivered a written opinion that the punishment contemplated will
22 not adversely affect the convicted person's personal development
23 nor his or her future relations with society.

