

By Mr. Robinson of Melrose, petition of William G. Robinson, Edward W. Connelly, Andrew H. Card, Jr., Royall H. Switzler and Andrew S. Natsios that provision be made for the appointment of a legislative analyst for the General Court and for terminating the Legislative Service Bureau. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO A LEGISLATIVE ANALYST.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Sections fifty-six through sixty-one of Chapter  
2 three of the General Laws are hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. The Legislative Service Bureau is hereby termin-  
2 ated.

1 SECTION 3. The General Laws are hereby amended by adding  
2 after Chapter 3 the following new chapter: —

3 **CHAPTER 3A.**

4 **Legislative Analyst's Office.**

5 *Section 1.* For the purpose of this chapter.

6 "Joint leadership" means the President of the Senate, the Speak-  
7 er of the House, the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the  
8 Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

9 *Section 2.* There is hereby established for the legislative branch  
10 of the state government a Legislative Analyst.

11 *Section 3.* A person qualified by education, training, and experi-  
12 ence shall be appointed as the Legislative Analyst by the joint  
13 leadership. The Legislative Analyst shall appoint such assistants as  
14 are necessary to carry out the analyst's responsibilities. The com-

15 pensionation of the Legislative Analyst and his assistants shall be  
16 subject to the approval of the joint leadership. The Legislative  
17 Analyst and his assistants shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one.

18 *Section 4.* The Legislative Analyst shall:

19 1. Examine the organization, duties, authority, and manage-  
20 ment of the agencies of the Commonwealth and independent au-  
21 thorities, and make recommendations to the members of the Gen-  
22 eral Court to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the agen-  
23 cies and authorities.

24 2. Undertake studies requested by any member of the General  
25 Court.

26 3. Submit from time to time, but at least on the second Wednes-  
27 day of November in each year, a report to the members of the  
28 General Court on the trends and directions of the Common-  
29 wealth's economy, and recommendations for legislative actions to  
30 insure a sound and stable economy in the Commonwealth.

31 *Section 5.* The existence of a project, the nature and scope of a  
32 project, and the requester shall be confidential information. Only  
33 the requester shall have the authority to disclose this information.  
34 The Legislative Analyst shall determine whether to make public  
35 projects undertaken at his/her initiative.

36 *Section 6.* Upon the conclusion of any House, Senate or joint  
37 committee (other than a standing committee) the committees shall  
38 deliver to the Legislative Analyst all documents, data, reports and  
39 other materials in the possession of the committee and which are  
40 not included within the committee's final report.

41 *Section 7.* The Legislative Analyst shall make available to any  
42 member or committee of the General Court any reports, records,  
43 documents, or other data under his/her control, except for mater-  
44 ial that Section 5 makes confidential.

45 *Section 8.* The Legislative Analyst's office shall be housed in the  
46 State House or at a location convenient to the General Court.

47 *Section 9.* The Legislative Analyst shall make an annual report  
48 of his/her activities in writing to the General Court by filing a copy  
49 of the same with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the  
50 Senate on or before the second Wednesday of November in each  
51 year.

1 SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall take effect on  
2 July 1, 1982. The Legislative Analyst will be selected no later than  
3 March 1, 1982, and shall have authority to establish his/her office  
4 and hire and organize his/her staff. As of July 1, 1982, the Legisla-  
5 tive Analyst shall assume his/her responsibilities.

