

By Mr. Wetherbee of Pepperell, petition of Bruce E. Wetherbee for legislation to establish a legislative personnel bureau. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE PERSONNEL BUREAU.

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. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by adding the following sections:—

3 *Section 66.* There is hereby established a joint committee on
4 personnel, to consist of the president of the senate and three
5 members of the senate to be appointed by said president and the
6 speaker of the house of representatives and three members of the
7 house of representatives to be appointed by said speaker. Said
8 committee shall oversee the development and implementation of a
9 personnel system by the general court to be conducted and controlled
10 by a personnel bureau. Said committee shall report to the
11 general court from time to time.

12 *Section 67.* There is hereby established in the legislative branch
13 of the state government a legislative personnel bureau which shall
14 serve under and at the direction of the joint committee on personnel
15 of the general court.

16 The committee shall appoint a person qualified by education,
17 training, and experience who shall be the director of personnel and
18 who shall be known as the legislative director. The committee shall
19 also appoint such assistants to the director as are necessary to
20 efficiently discharge the duties of the bureau. The compensation of
21 the legislative personnel director and his assistants shall be subject
22 to the approval of the committees on rules of the two branches,
23 acting concurrently, of the general court. The legislative personnel
24 director and his assistants shall not be subject to chapter thirty-
25 one.

26 The bureau shall be provided with quarters in the state house or
27 elsewhere at a location convenient to the general court. The legisla-
28 tive personnel director and his assistants shall, at the direction of
29 the committee, have access to and authority to examine, during
30 regular business hours, any and all records, including but not
31 limited to books, reports, accounts, vouchers, bank accounts, and
32 money or other property of any committee or staff of the general
33 court and it shall be the duty of any officer or employee of any such
34 committee or staff having such records or property in his posses-
35 sion or under his control, to permit access to and examination
36 thereof upon the request of the legislative personnel director or his
37 authorized representative.

1 SECTION 2. A special commission, to consist of three
2 members of the senate, six members of the house of representa-
3 tives, and four non-members of the general court, two of whom
4 shall be appointed by the president of the senate and two of whom
5 shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, is
6 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and
7 study relative to the personnel procedures of the general court.
8 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its
9 investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together
10 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations
11 into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
12 representatives, the joint committee on personnel and the legisla-
13 tive personnel director on or before the last Wednesday of De-
14 cember, nineteen hundred and eighty.