

By Mr. Marsh of Wellesley, petition of Robert H. Marsh for legislation to establish an advisory committee for the purpose of determining a local aid formula for the distribution of revenues to cities and towns. Taxation.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE THE LOCAL AID FORMULA.

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

- 1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 2I the following section: —  
3 Section 2J. There is hereby established a special ad hoc  
4 committee to be chosen for the purposes of determining the local  
5 aid formula for distributing certain revenues under the provisions  
6 of section two D and any other funds made available therefor  
7 based on estimates provided by the revenue advisory board. Said  
8 committee shall consist of thirteen members to be selected as  
9 follows: — two members of the house of representatives, one  
10 member of the senate, two persons to be chosen by the governor,  
11 the secretary of administration, a person designated by the  
12 Massachusetts Municipal Association, a person representing  
13 towns consisting of a population less than five thousand to be  
14 elected from such groups of towns; a person representing towns  
15 consisting of a population more than five thousand but less than  
16 ten thousand to be elected from such group of municipalities; a  
17 person representing towns consisting of a population more than  
18 ten thousand but less than thirty thousand to be elected from such  
19 group of municipalities; a person representing municipalities  
20 consisting of a population of more than thirty thousand but less  
21 than fifty thousand to be elected from such group of

22 municipalities; and two persons representing municipalities  
 23 consisting of a population of more than fifty thousand to be  
 24 elected from such group of municipalities.

25 Said committee shall meet from time to time, review the current  
 26 distribution formulas for state financial assistance to the cities and  
 27 towns of the commonwealth, and recommend any change or  
 28 amendments thereto to the general court; review the revenue  
 29 estimates to be allocated to the cities and towns and produce a  
 30 local aid resolution which shall be submitted to the general court  
 31 upon its convening in annual session.