

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 25, 1982.

The committee on Election Laws, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 344) of John A. Businger relative to repealing certain unconstitutional provisions of the election laws; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5850) of Michael Joseph Connolly, Emanuel G. Serra, Gerard D'Amico, Leo R. Corazzini, John A. Businger, Leon J. Lombardi and another for legislation to recodify the election laws of the Commonwealth, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 6298) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

EMANUEL G. SERRA.

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

Ordered, That a special committee, to consist of two members of the Senate to be designated by the president thereof and three members of the House of Representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, is hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the existing laws relating to elections. Such committee shall, in the course of its investigation and study, consider the possibility of recodifying said laws with a view toward simplifying such laws and making them more readily understandable. Said committee in the course of its investigation and study consider current House documents number 344, repealing certain unconstitutional provisions of the election laws; and 5850, legislation to recodify the election laws.

Said Committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may expend for legal, technical and for other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Said Committee shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last Wednesday of June, nineteen hundred and eighty-one.