

HOUSE No. 1148

By Mr. Heffernan of Boston, petition of Charles H. McGlue for the appointment of a special commission to make an industrial census and survey. Labor and Industry. Jan. 18, 1924.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Four.

Resolve to provide for the Appointment of an Industrial Census and Survey Commission.

1 *Resolved*, That the governor, with the aid and
2 consent of the council, shall appoint a commission
3 of ten persons, one of whom shall be designated as
4 chairman, and to be known as the Industrial Survey
5 Commission of Massachusetts, to provide a compre-
6 hensive census and survey of the state of the manu-
7 factories of Massachusetts. The commission shall
8 be composed of the tax commissioner of corpora-
9 tions and taxation, the chairman of the department
10 of public utilities, the director of the state census,
11 the commissioner of labor and industries, and a
12 representative of each of the following industries:
13 woolen textiles, cotton textiles, shoe, leather, paper
14 and mechanical manufactories.

15 They shall report to the legislature not later
16 than February fifteen, nineteen hundred and twenty-
17 five, such information as they may ascertain on the
18 following subjects:

19 The number of manufacturing concerns in active
20 operation which have removed from Massachusetts
21 to other states since January first, nineteen hundred

22 and eighteen. The present location of such concern.
23 The reasons (if ascertainable) for its removal from
24 Massachusetts. They shall particularly inquire as
25 to the nature of inducements (if any) offered by
26 other communities for soliciting, attracting or sub-
27 sidizing industries; whether by exemption from
28 local taxation, gifts of land, more advantageous
29 banking accommodations, freer labor markets, more
30 accessible location to raw materials or information
31 of such character as shall adequately explain the
32 removal. They shall also inquire whether the
33 cause of removal was a fault of transportation in
34 Massachusetts, lack of electric power, a labor strin-
35 gency, lack of skilled help available, high taxes, or
36 lack of financial support or inadequate banking
37 accommodations.

38 They shall provide a list of the business failures
39 of the commonwealth for the years nineteen hun-
40 dred and eighteen to nineteen hundred and twenty-
41 four, inclusive, and their relation to the general
42 business situation, as indicating the state of busi-
43 ness in each particular line of industry.

44 They shall report as to the present status of
45 manufacturing concerns in this state, on the fol-
46 lowing subjects:

47 The total amount of capital invested in each in-
48 dustry by years from nineteen hundred and eighteen
49 to nineteen hundred and twenty-four inclusive, with
50 the amount of additions to capital, by dividend, or
51 issuance of securities.

52 The increase in taxes, municipal, county, state
53 and national since nineteen hundred and eighteen,
54 with a comparative table indicating the tax drain in
55 similarly competitive industrial states.

56 With this information the commission shall com-
57 pile its judgment of the state of industry in Massa-
58 chusetts, whether its commercial prosperity is
59 threatened from any source, and such recommenda-
60 tions as may seem advisable to submit to the legis-
61 lature.

62 The commission shall be provided with quarters
63 in the State House or elsewhere, and shall be author-
64 ized to expend such sums from moneys appropriated
65 by the great and general court, not to exceed
66 twenty-five thousand dollars, as shall be approved
67 by the governor and council.

