

By Mr. Marcella of Boston, petition of James H. Brennan for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to devise legislation establishing a circuit court system for the municipal and district courts of the county of Suffolk. Rules (Joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve providing for the Creation and Appointment of the Circuit Court Commission, to devise and recommend Legislation creating a Circuit Court System for the Municipal and District Courts of Suffolk County.

1 *Resolved*, That a commission of nine members
2 is hereby created to be known as the circuit court
3 commission for Suffolk county, for the purpose of
4 devising a system for the establishment of a cir-
5 cuit for the municipal and district courts of the
6 city of Boston, and the county of Suffolk, in con-
7 formity with the established arrangement now
8 functioning in the supreme judicial court and the
9 superior court of this commonwealth. This com-
10 mission shall be apointed as follows: Three
11 members thereof to be appointed by the governor,
12 to consist of the chief justice of the municipal
13 court of the city of Boston and two members of
14 the Massachusetts bar; three members of the state
15 senate to be appointed by the president of the sen-
16 ate, and three members of the house of representa-

17 tives to be appointed by the speaker of the house.
18 Said commission shall meet and organize within
19 thirty days after passage of this act, and shall
20 make its recommendations to the current legis-
21 lature before adjournment thereof. The commis-
22 sion shall have authority to summons and compel
23 the attendance of witnesses and to compel the pro-
24 duction of books, records, dockets and documents.
25 It shall have power to appoint a secretary, at a sal-
26 ary to be fixed by the commission, and to draw upon
27 the treasury of the commonwealth for such sums as
28 may be necessary for expenses of the commission,
29 not to exceed three thousand dollars.

