

HOUSE No. 1251

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 16, 1929.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Resolve providing for the investigation of the duties and compensation of certain officials, judges and employees of the several counties and of the Commonwealth, and decline in the purchasing power of money, and the basis of salaries paid in private employment (House, No. 1141), report that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying resolve (House, No. 1251).

For the committee,

RALPH STEVENS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve providing for the Investigation of the Duties and Compensation of Certain Officials, Judges and Employees of the Several Counties and of the Commonwealth, the Decline in the Purchasing Power of Money, and the Basis of Salaries paid in Private Employment.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid joint special committee,
2 to consist of one member of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof, and three members to be designated by the
6 governor, shall (1) consider and study the question
7 of the duties, salaries, fees, allowances and other
8 compensation of (a) the several judges, registers and
9 assistant registers of probate, the district attorneys,
10 the assistant district attorneys and deputy district
11 attorneys, and of (b) all appointive, elective county
12 officials and clerical staff, including the justices and
13 special justices of the several district and municipal
14 courts and the clerical assistants in the offices of the
15 several district attorneys, whose salaries and other
16 compensation are now paid, in whole or in part, by
17 the several counties; (2) compare, wherever possible,
18 the salaries and other compensation now paid to
19 persons in the employ of, or whose salaries and other
20 compensation are paid by, the various counties with
21 those now paid to persons occupying similar positions

22 or performing similar duties, and who are in the employ
23 of, or whose salaries and other compensation are paid
24 by, the commonwealth or by any city, and, in this
25 connection, consider and study the basis of salaries
26 as now paid in private employment; (3) report a
27 plan for classifying the positions held by such officials
28 and employees into services, groups and grades and
29 for standardizing salary rates and ranges; and, in
30 connection with such proposed classification, (4) con-
31 sider with reference to the change in the purchasing
32 power of the dollar during the past ten years the
33 salary and any increases granted during said period.
34 As affecting the salaries and compensation payable
35 to registers and assistant registers of deeds and their
36 clerical assistants the committee shall consider the
37 advisability of a readjustment of the schedule of fees
38 collectible by the said registers. Said committee
39 shall report to the general court the results of its study
40 and its recommendations, together with drafts of
41 legislation necessary to carry the same into effect,
42 by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not
43 later than the first Wednesday of December in the
44 current year. Said committee shall have and may
45 exercise in regard to all officials, employees and
46 activities to which this resolve applies, the powers
47 granted by section eleven and twelve of chapter
48 seven of the General Laws, inserted therein by section
49 one of chapter three hundred and sixty-two of the
50 acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, in respect
51 to employment in the service of the commonwealth.
52 Said committee may, with the approval of the
53 governor and council, expend for expert, clerical and
54 other services and expenses such sums, not exceeding
55 five thousand dollars in the aggregate, as may here-
56 after be appropriated.

