

HOUSE No. 1523

By Mr. Hedges of Quincy, petition of Wendell P. Thore for appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to report changes in the laws providing relief for aged and other needy persons. Pensions.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Eight.

RESOLVE FOR APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION
AND RECESS COMMITTEE TO REPORT CHANGES IN THE
LAWS PROVIDING RELIEF FOR AGED AND OTHER NEEDY
PERSONS.

1 *Resolved*, That a commission be appointed to alter
2 and amend chapter one hundred and eighteen A of
3 the General Laws; chapter four hundred and thirty-
4 six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six;
5 and chapter four hundred and forty of the acts of
6 nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, the commission
7 to be composed of six members: two to be appointed
8 by the governor and two members each of the senate
9 and the house to be appointed by the president of the
10 senate and speaker of the house, respectively.

11 This commission shall make such changes in this
12 law as will reduce the age to fifty-five for each recip-
13 ient; and will make the minimum payment to each
14 recipient forty dollars monthly and to husband and
15 wife, living together, each eligible, to a minimum of
16 sixty dollars, each month.

17 That any property, used as a home only by the
18 recipients, shall be exempt from any mortgage bond.

19 That the payments shall be made to each recipient
20 by inalienable right of citizenship, without help of
21 children or relatives.

22 That the law shall be known as old age pensions
23 and administered by the board of state aid and
24 pensions.

25 That some method of advertising the Public Be-
26 quest Fund, chapter six of the General Laws, be
27 provided.

28 That other changes be made in the law to provide
29 genuine old age pensions without any degrading
30 pauperizing touches.