

HOUSE No. 584

By Mr. Porter of Agawam, petition of George W. Porter for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the trial, sentencing, segregation, job training and parole of first offenders. Public Welfare.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE TRIAL AND TREATMENT OF FIRST OFFENDERS.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of one
2 member of the senate to be designated by the president thereof,
3 two members of the house of representatives to be designated by
4 the speaker thereof, and four persons to be appointed by the
5 governor, is hereby established for the purpose of making an
6 investigation and study relative to the trial and sentencing of
7 first offenders against the law, the segregation of first offenders
8 from other criminals, and the providing of job training, job
9 placement and adequate supervision of such persons when
10 paroled. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the
11 state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within
12 and without the commonwealth and may expend for clerical
13 and other expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor.
14 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
15 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
16 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom-
17 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the
18 house of representatives on or before the fourth Wednesday of
19 December in the current year.

