

SENATE No. 336

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, March 6, 1916.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to which were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 125) of Horace F. Field that the town of Carver be placed under the jurisdiction of the Fourth District Court of Plymouth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House No. 126) of William H. Sullivan for the abolition of the office of trial justice and the establishment and extension of certain judicial districts; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 910) of Rutherford E. Smith and others that the town of Lynnfield be placed within the judicial district of the District Court of Southern Essex; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 919) of Arthur W. Sim and others for the establishment of a police court in the town of Peabody, reports the accompanying resolve.

For the committee,

GURDON W. GORDON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

RESOLVE

To provide for a Commission to consider the Question of
Abolishing the Trial Justice System.

1 *Resolved*, That a commission of three persons shall be
2 appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent
3 of the council, to investigate the advisability of abol-
4 ishing the office of trial justice throughout the common-
5 wealth and of annexing to the territorial jurisdiction of
6 existing police, district or municipal courts, or to new
7 courts to be created, the various towns that are now
8 outside the territorial jurisdiction of such court. And
9 particularly shall it consider certain petitions and bills
10 submitted to the general court during the current year,
11 known as House Documents, numbered one hundred and
12 twenty-five, one hundred and twenty-six, nine hundred
13 and ten and nine hundred and nineteen. The com-
14 mission shall serve without compensation, but may incur
15 necessary expenses not to exceed the sum of one thousand
16 dollars. The commission shall report the result of its
17 investigation, with recommendations, to the general
18 court not later than February first, nineteen hundred
19 and seventeen.

