

By Mr. Edward J. Kelley of Worcester, petition of Charles H. McGlue for the appointment of a special commission and legislative committee to report such changes in the laws as will completely restore home rule to cities and towns. Committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently. Jan. 22.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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Resolve to provide for the Appointment of a Special Commission to report Such Changes in the Laws as will completely restore Home Rule to the Cities and Towns of the Commonwealth.

1 *Resolved*, That the governor shall designate a  
2 commission comprising the attorney general of the  
3 commonwealth, the mayor of Boston, the mayor of  
4 Fall River, and two members of the senate, and four  
5 members of the house of representatives, to report  
6 to the next session of the great and general court  
7 such changes in the statutes as are necessary to re-  
8 store to the cities of the commonwealth a complete  
9 measure of control of their own government, and  
10 of the appointments of officers in the public service.  
11 They shall also report the manner in which the  
12 burdens of taxation for the support of state admin-  
13 istrative and police agencies is distributed among  
14 the cities and towns of the state, and whether the  
15 cities are being unreasonably discriminated against  
16 by being taxed to provide for the policing and pub-  
17 lic administrative functions of towns.

18 They shall report forms of permissive legislation  
19 giving to municipalities the right to acquire, con-

20 struct, own, lease, and operate within or without  
21 their corporate limits any public utility, the product  
22 or service of which is or is to be supplied to the  
23 municipality or its inhabitants and to enter into  
24 contracts for any such products or service.

25 They shall report such changes or additional  
26 statutes as may be necessary to enforce terms of  
27 existing franchises and contracts.

28 They shall also report such legislation as may  
29 afford a revocation of a public franchise or a lim-  
30 itation of its tenure and terms.

31 This commission shall report to the great and  
32 general court on or before the third Wednesday in  
33 January, nineteen hundred and twenty-five, and  
34 shall be allowed such sums for expenses as may be  
35 approved by the governor and council.



