
Accompanying the first recommendation of the Department of Natural Resources (House, No. 81). State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS GEOLOGICAL COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following sections:—

3 *Section 51.* There shall be in the department a commission,
4 to be known as the Massachusetts geological commission, which
5 shall consist of the commissioner of natural resources who shall
6 be the chairman, the commissioner of commerce and develop-
7 ment, the director of the division of water resources, the com-
8 missioner of public works, and three members to be appointed
9 by the governor, one of whom shall be selected from a list of
10 nominees submitted by the University of Massachusetts, one
11 shall be selected to represent industrial interests and one to
12 represent the public at large. Initially the appointive members
13 shall be appointed for terms of one, two and three years, re-
14 spectively, and upon the expiration of the term of office of an
15 appointive member his successor shall be appointed, in like
16 manner, for a term of three years. Appointive public members
17 of the commission may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in
18 connection with their duties.

19 *Section 52.* The commission shall meet monthly, and at the
20 call of the chairman, and consult on matters concerning minerals
21 and natural deposits and shall be responsible for a state geo-
22 logical program. It shall act as the coordinating agency be-

23 tween all departments of the commonwealth and shall co-
24 operate with the agencies of the federal government and all
25 other states in matters within its jurisdiction. It shall advise
26 and assist the political subdivisions of the commonwealth con-
27 cerning the conservation and regulation of minerals and natural
28 deposits. The commission shall encourage and assist academic
29 research in geology and shall file an annual report as required
30 by sections thirty-two and thirty-three of chapter thirty of the
31 General Laws.

32 *Section 53.* The commissioner shall appoint a director who
33 shall be responsible for the administrative functions of the com-
34 mission, an assistant director to be known as the state geologist
35 who, under the supervision of the director, shall be responsible
36 for the academic research and study, and shall be assigned to
37 the University of Massachusetts, and such other technical and
38 clerical assistants and consultants as may be necessary.