

HOUSE No. 2840

By Mr. Sigourney of Nahant, petition of Andre R. Sigourney for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make a continuing study relative to the need for amendment, revision or simplification of the Constitution of the Commonwealth. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A CONTINUING CONSTITUTIONAL 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 SECTION 1. There shall be created a commission, to consist
2 of three members of the senate, five members of the house of
3 representatives, and eight persons to be appointed by the
4 governor, of whom three shall hold or have held elective
5 state, county and municipal office, respectively, one shall be
6 selected from a list furnished by the Massachusetts Bar
7 Association, one shall be selected from a list furnished by the
8 Boston Bar Association, and one shall be a professor of
9 constitutional law at an accredited law school, is hereby
10 established for the purpose of making a continuing study
11 relative to the need for amendment, revision or simplification
12 of the constitution of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Said commission shall, in the course of its
2 investigation and study, consider current and recent pro-
3 posals for amendments to the constitution and shall prepare
4 and distribute such materials relative to constitutional prob-
5 lems and proposals for amendments as will in its opinion
6 contribute to citizen understanding of such matters.

1 SECTION 3. Said commission may employ such professional
 2 and nonprofessional personnel as may be necessary to per-
 3 form its duties.

1 SECTION 4. Said commission shall report at least once each
 2 year to the governor and general court the results of its
 3 investigation, study and its recommendations, if any, to-
 4 gether with drafts of legislative proposals for amendment to
 5 the constitution.

1 SECTION 5. Those members of said commission which are
 2 appointed by the governor shall not serve a term of office
 3 beyond the term of the governor making the appointment.