

By Mr. Morrissey of Boston, petition of Foster Furcolo for the appointment by the Governor of a special commission to investigate the grand jury system of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE GRAND JURY SYSTEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission of twenty-
2 one persons be appointed by the governor to make an investi-
3 gation and study of the grand jury system with particular
4 regard to improving its procedures. Said special commission
5 shall include the following or their designees: the presidents
6 of the American Trial Lawyers Association, the Boston Bar
7 Association, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Massachu-
8 setts District Attorneys Association, the Massachusetts Trial
9 Lawyers, and the National Association of Defense Lawyers in
10 Criminal Cases; the deans of Boston College Law School, Bos-
11 ton University Law School, Harvard University Law School,
12 Portia Law School, and Suffolk University Law School; the
13 chief justices of the supreme judicial court, the superior court,
14 the district court, the Boston municipal court; and the presi-
15 dent of the senate and the speaker of the house of representa-
16 tives. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the
17 state house or elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, may travel
18 within and without the commonwealth, and may expend for
19 clerical and other services such sums as may be appropriated
20 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general court
21 the results of its investigation and study and its recommenda-
22 tions, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to
23 carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
24 the clerk of the senate on or before the last Wednesday in
25 January, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight.

