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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

1 *Ordered*, That a joint special committee to consist of three
2 senators to be designated by the president of the senate and
3 nine representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house
4 of representatives, be established for the purpose of studying
5 (1) a new apportionment of representatives to the several coun-
6 ties of the commonwealth and (2) a new apportionment of sena-
7 torial and executive councillor districts, under the provisions
8 of the constitution and in conformity with the decisions of the
9 federal and state courts.

10 Said committee shall also study and investigate the problem
11 of malapportioned city councils and representative town meet-
12 ings, as such malapportionments endanger the stability and
13 constitutionality of legislative districts. It shall also consider
14 the feasibility and extent of such county mergers as may be
15 necessary to provide legislative districts which conform to con-
16 stitutional requirements. The committee shall further consider
17 the subject matter of the report of the legislative research coun-
18 cil titled STATE AND LOCAL APPORTIONMENTS printed as Senate,
19 No. 771 of nineteen hundred and sixty-six.

20 The committee may expend for legal, clerical and other neces-
21 sary expenses sums as may be appropriated therefor, shall be
22 provided with quarters in the state house and shall be entitled
23 to receive from the state secretary and municipal election offi-
24 cials such data and information in their possession as may be of
25 assistance to the committee.

26 The committee shall make a report to the general court from
27 time to time, the same with the clerk of the house, and shall
28 recommit its final report hereunder not later than June fifteenth,
29 nineteen hundred and sixty-seven with the drafts of such legis-
30 lation as may be necessary to comply with the provisions of the
31 General Laws and of the constitution in relation to the aforesaid
32 matters.

