

By Mr. Armstrong of Plymouth, petition of John F. Dever, Jr., that county commissioners be authorized to establish departments of planning to assist in the social, recreational and economic development of counties. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT TO ASSIST AND DEVELOP REGIONAL PLANNING BY AND WITHIN
COUNTIES.

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 14 of chapter 34 of the General Laws as most re-
2 cently amended by chapter 58 of the acts of 1948, is hereby
3 further amended by inserting, after the first paragraph, the
4 following paragraph:—

5 The commissioners may establish a department of planning
6 to study and recommend to the commissioners with respect to
7 social, recreational and economic development of the county,
8 to stimulate and assist regional planning boards and districts,
9 and cities and towns, in adopting and executing regional
10 planning programs, to study and recommend with respect to
11 federal programs and assistance available to cities, towns and
12 the county for regional planning and other purposes, and to
13 hold seminars, meetings and discussions among private and
14 governmental individuals and groups to stimulate and assist
15 in the development and execution of plans to further the
16 social, recreational and economic welfare of the county. For
17 these purposes, including the execution of any such plans, the
18 county may receive any funds or moneys from any source, in-
19 cluding grants, bequests, gifts, or contributions made by the
20 federal or state government or by any individual, corporation,
21 or association, for these purposes, also, the county commis-
22 sioners may establish an advisory committee of such number
23 as they determine which shall include representatives of cities
24 and towns, business, labor, education, and civic and planning
25 organizations.

It is the duty of the House of Representatives to inquire into the conduct of the Executive and to report thereon to the Senate. It is also the duty of the House to impeach and to remove from office any officer of the Government who may be guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors.

The Constitution of the United States

in its relation to the Executive Department

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. It is the basis of all government in this country.

The Executive Department is the branch of the Government which is charged with the execution of the laws. It is headed by the President of the United States.

The President is elected by the people for a term of four years. He has the power to veto any bill passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate. He also has the power to grant pardons and to appoint and remove officers of the Government.

The Executive Department is divided into several departments. These are the Department of State, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Treasury, the Department of War, the Department of the Interior, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Commerce.

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