

By Mr. Sobil of Lawrence (by request), petition of Karl Haartz for appointment of a citizens committee for the purpose of making a study of improving the quality of Government. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF GOVERNMENT.

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

1 The General Court shall appoint a Committee of twenty-four
2 citizens each not holding an elective or appointed office in the
3 service of local, county, state or Federal government. This
4 committee shall study the matter of strengthening the efficiency
5 of a government of separate and independent parts so as to
6 prevent abuse of its implied and constructive powers in the area
7 of its internal operations.

8 This committee shall devise a list of not more than twenty
9 limitations to be placed upon the government's use of its implied
10 and constructive powers in the area of its internal functions.
11 These limitations are to perform a function similar to the
12 limitations upon the government's implied and constructive
13 powers in the area of individual civic rights and which is
14 performed by the Bill of Rights (a list of limitations) of the
15 Federal Constitution in the same area.

16 The Committee members shall be unpaid and shall be
17 appointed by July one, nineteen hundred and seventy-four. The
18 committee shall have its report ready for distribution during
19 March of nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

20 Its report shall be known as "The BiCentennial Report for
21 Strengthening the Efficacy of a Government of Separate and
22 Independent Parts so as to Reduce the Abuse of its Implied and
23 Constructive Powers in the Area of its Internal Operations."

24 — Five copies of the report shall be presented to each member of
25 the General Court, to each official of the Executive branch and
26 to each official of the Judicial branch. Twelve copies shall be
27 presented to each principal library and branch library in each city
28 and in each town in the Commonwealth as well as to each high
29 school library in the Commonwealth: All on or before April
30 fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

31 A suitable prize, say of not more than one thousand dollars
32 shall be given to five students of each high school in the
33 Commonwealth, each of which turns in the best copies of the
34 Report done in their own handwriting, neat and legible, with
35 their own original paragraph summaries in the margin. These
36 copies must be turned in before June ten, nineteen hundred and
37 seventy-six. The prizes shall be awarded on July fourth, nineteen
38 hundred and seventy-six.