

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5904

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 7, 1974.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom was referred the Order (filed by Mr. Coffey of West Springfield) relative to directing the Legislative Research Council to make an investigation and study of the constitutionally prescribed initiative and referendum procedure of the Commonwealth and other states and other related matters (House, No. 5904), report that the same ought to be adopted.

For the committees,

THOMAS W. MCGEE.

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1     *Ordered*, That the Legislative Research Council be authorized  
2 and directed to make a comparative study of the constitutionally  
3 prescribed initiative and referendum procedure of Massachusetts  
4 and other states, such study to identify any problem areas  
5 attributable to vagueness or contradictory requirements in  
6 Massachusetts constitutional provisions relative to the initiative  
7 or the referendum, and to review recent proposals for improving  
8 such Massachusetts constitutional provisions; and that said  
9 Council file its statistical and factual report hereunder with the  
10 Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the last  
11 Wednesday of January in the year Nineteen Hundred and  
12 Seventy-five.