

HOUSE No. 1610

By Ms. Bump of Braintree, petition of Suzanne M. Bump for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the economic impact that certain public facilities have on surrounding residential property values. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF CERTAIN PUBLIC FACILITIES UPON SURROUNDING RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three
2 members of the senate, five members of the house of
3 representatives, and seven persons to be appointed by the
4 governor, one of whom shall be a licensed real estate broker
5 selected from a list of five names submitted by the Massachusetts
6 Association of Realtors, one of whom shall be a member of the
7 board of assessors of a city or town and one of whom shall be
8 a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association is
9 hereby established to make an investigation and study relative to
10 the potential economic impact that the location of certain types
11 of public facilities or institutions, including but not limited to,
12 prisons and waste treatment plants, might have upon residential
13 property values in the surrounding area with a view toward
14 establishing a procedure by which a homeowner whose property
15 has suffered a negative economic impact could petition the
16 commonwealth for indemnification and receive financial
17 compensation for such loss in property values.

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