

By Mr. McLaughlin of Billerica, petition of Michael E. McLaughlin for the creation of a legislative oversight committee on local government. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT CREATING A LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL 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 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
2 ing after section 62 under the heading LEGISLATIVE OVER-  
3 SIGHT COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT the follow-  
4 ing section: —

5 *Section 63.* There is hereby established a legislative oversight  
6 committee on local government to consist of six members of  
7 the senate to be designated by the president thereof, and  
8 fifteen members of the house of representatives to be desig-  
9 nated by the speaker thereof, at the beginning of the political  
10 year. The senate chairman shall be the chairman and the house  
11 chairman shall be the vice chairman of said committee. Said  
12 committee may sit during the recess of the general court. Said  
13 committee shall meet monthly at the call of the chairman or  
14 vice chairman and at such other times as shall be deemed  
15 necessary by the chairman or vice chairman. Members of the  
16 committee shall be reimbursed for all necessary expenses, and  
17 while the general court is not in session shall be reimbursed for  
18 travel and expenses to and from their homes to the state house  
19 at the same rate as that paid to members of the general court  
20 while it is in session. The members of the committee shall not  
21 be deemed to be executive or administrative officers within the  
22 meaning of the constitution but shall serve directly under the

23 general court. The senate chairman and house chairman shall  
 24 each receive compensation as provided in section nine.

25 The committee shall study and make a report on the impact  
 26 of proposed legislation adding to municipal duties and costs on  
 27 the localities and local property taxpayers. The committee may  
 28 report to any joint standing committee findings and recom-  
 29 mendations affecting matters before such committee.