

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the impact of institutional, financial and educational barriers to voter participation. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE IMPACT OF CERTAIN BARRIERS ON POLITICAL PARTICIPATION.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of four
2 members of the senate, seven members of the house of
3 representatives, the secretary of state or his designee and three
4 persons appointed by the governor, is hereby established for the
5 purpose of making an investigation and study relative to the
6 impact of institutional, financial and educational barriers to voter
7 participation on voter registration and voter turn-outs at election
8 campaigns within the commonwealth. Such commission, during
9 the course of its investigation, shall evaluate voter information
10 materials, voter education and outreach programs, accessibility
11 for the handicapped to registration sites, and the effects of
12 negative campaign tactics on political participation, as well as
13 other such matters relative to said barriers which it deems relevant
14 and proper. Said commission shall report to the general court the
15 results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations,
16 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
17 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
18 the house of representatives on or before the first Wednesday in
19 December of nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

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