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By Mr. Barrett of Reading, petition of Michael J. Barrett, Lawrence R. Alexander, Thomas M. Gallaher and Mary Jane Gibson relative to certain changes in the joint rules of the two branches concerning procedures within joint standing committees and establishing a method for such committees to file reports. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

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## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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*Ordered*, That the Joint Rules of the two branches of the General Court be amended, as follows:

In Joint rule 4 by adding at the end thereof the following two paragraphs:

“Whenever five members of a committee so request, the vote to give any legislation a favorable or adverse report shall be a recorded vote. Such votes shall be recorded on appropriate forms that show all votes for and against the particular committee action. The record of all such roll calls shall be kept in the offices of the committee and shall be available for public inspection.

This section shall not prevent a committee from adopting a rule which would require recorded votes in committees upon the request of less members than required by this action.

No favorable report of a committee on any legislation shall be final until and unless a majority of the entire membership of the committee shall affix its signatures on such report, on appropriate forms, before the report is made to either branch. No signatures shall be valid unless the report to which the signatures are affixed includes the complete text of the legislation being reported, including any amendments which have been adopted in the committee.”.

For the purpose of this bill, the term "State" shall mean the State of New York, and the term "County" shall mean any of the counties of this State.

**The Commission on the Administration of the Courts**

Be it enacted by the People of the State of New York, in Senate and Assembly assembled, July 1, 1914, that

Section 1. That the Joint Commission on the Administration of the Courts, which was organized on January 1, 1913, and which has since that time been engaged in a study of the administration of the courts of this State, be and it is hereby so ordered, that the Commission be and it is hereby authorized to make a report to the Governor and the Legislature on or before the first day of January, 1915, containing its recommendations for the improvement of the administration of the courts of this State.