

HOUSE No. 433

By Mr. Jones of Barnstable, petition of Allan F. Jones for the establishment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to consider and recommend a master plan of shoreline protection and development throughout the Commonwealth. Harbors and Public Lands.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION TO CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND A MASTER PLAN OF SHORELINE PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 be known as the shoreline protection and develop-
3 ment commission, and hereinafter referred to as the
4 commission, consisting of three members of the senate
5 to be designated by the president thereof, eight
6 members of the house of representatives to be desig-
7 nated by the speaker thereof, one person to be ap-
8 pointed by the governor, the commissioner of public
9 works and the commissioner of the metropolitan
10 district commission, is hereby established for the
11 purpose of making a study of such projects through-
12 out the commonwealth as may, in its opinion, be
13 necessary or advisable to be carried out with a view
14 to recommending a master plan of shoreline protection
15 and development. The commission, in carrying

16 out its study hereunder, shall consider, with respect
17 to each project which it may deem necessary or
18 advisable for inclusion in such a plan, as to whether
19 public convenience requires the construction or
20 carrying out thereof, and if so, it shall determine as
21 to said project —

22 (1) The probable cost, (2) how the cost of said
23 improvement, and of land takings, if necessary,
24 therefor, should be apportioned, (3) by whom said
25 improvement should be made, and (4) by whom said
26 improvement should be maintained upon its com-
27 pletion.

28 The commission shall transmit to the state depart-
29 ment of public works and to the metropolitan district
30 commission from time to time lists of projects designed
31 to provide shoreline protection and development.
32 Said department and said metropolitan district com-
33 mission shall, as promptly as possible, prepare plans,
34 specifications, detail of location and amount of neces-
35 sary land takings or acquisitions, detailed estimates,
36 and all other things necessary or proper as a pre-
37 requisite to the actual construction of each of the
38 projects so transmitted to it. Said department may,
39 with the approval of the governor, omit or modify
40 any of said projects. Said department and said
41 metropolitan district commission shall each report
42 in detail to the commission, on or before October
43 first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and also at
44 such other times as the commission may require,
45 the material so prepared and its recommendations
46 in regard thereto.

47 For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of
48 this resolve, there may be expended by the com-
49 mission for expenses and for expert, clerical and other

50 assistance, including expenses of engineers in state
51 or municipal employ incurred by instruction of the
52 commission, such sums as may be appropriated
53 therefor.

54 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
55 state department of public works may, with the
56 approval of the governor, accept on behalf of the
57 commonwealth and expend any federal funds which
58 may hereafter be made available for financing the
59 cost of activities in connection with the preparation
60 of a master plan as aforesaid. Authority to make
61 application for such federal funds is hereby granted
62 to said state department of public works or to such
63 other agency of the commonwealth as the governor
64 may designate.

65 The commission shall report to the general court
66 its findings, and its recommendations, if any, together
67 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
68 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with
69 the clerk of the house of representatives on or before
70 the first Wednesday of December in the year nineteen
71 hundred and fifty-two, and may from time to time
72 submit to the general court special reports and recom-
73 mendations on subjects included within the provisions
74 of this resolve by filing the same with the clerk of the
75 house of representatives.

