

By Mr. Cohen of Newton, petition of David B. Cohen and James E. Vallee for legislation to establish a commission to study telecommunications cost savings in political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO STUDY TELECOMMUNICATION COST-SAVINGS IN POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 There is hereby established a commission to study telecommu-
2 nication costs in the political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.
3 Said commission shall consist of eleven members appointed by the
4 governor, one of whom shall be the commissioner of public utili-
5 ties or his designee, one of whom shall be the commissioner of
6 education or his designee, one of whom shall be the chancellor of
7 education or his designee, one of whom shall be the president of
8 the university or his designee, one of whom shall be a representa-
9 tive of the presidents of the state colleges, one of whom shall be a
10 representative of the presidents of the community colleges, and
11 five of whom shall be a person nominated by each of the
12 following five organizations: the Massachusetts Municipal
13 Association, the Massachusetts Association of School
14 Committees, the Massachusetts Association of School
15 Superintendents, the Massachusetts Teachers Association and the
16 Massachusetts Federation of Teachers. The commission shall
17 study the cost-savings which could be achieved by requiring all
18 political subdivisions of the Commonwealth to bid jointly for
19 telecommunications equipment and services and shall propose a
20 plan for using projected cost savings to improve telecommunica-

21 tions in the public schools and in the public institutions of higher
22 education. The commission shall file its report, together with any
23 recommendations for legislation, with the clerks of the house of
24 representatives and the senate no later than June 1, 1995.