

By Mrs. Gray of Framingham, petition of Barbara E. Gray for an investigation by special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to metropolitan government. Urban Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission to consist of three  
2 members of the Senate, five members of the House and seven  
3 persons to be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be  
4 the Secretary of Communities and Development, or his designee,  
5 one of whom shall be the Secretary of Environmental Affairs or  
6 his designee, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of the  
7 Metropolitan District Commission or his designee, one of whom  
8 shall be the Director of the Massachusetts Office of State  
9 Planning, one of whom shall be a representative of the  
10 Massachusetts League of Cities and Towns, one of whom shall be  
11 a representative of the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce,  
12 and one of whom shall be a representative of the Metropolitan  
13 Area Planning Council, is hereby established. Said commission  
14 shall review the range of social and economic problems affecting  
15 the Boston metropolitan region and shall investigate the  
16 feasibility of expanding existing Boston metropolitan planning  
17 and administrative agencies and creating new instrumentalities  
18 capable of addressing the social and economic problems that may  
19 be evidenced throughout the region. Such investigation shall  
20 include, but not be limited to, an analysis of the physical  
21 characteristics of the region, a review of the region's in-  
22 tergovernmental relationships, an examination of the  
23 demographics and population growth patterns of the region and a  
24 projection of current and future regional service system needs  
25 including but not limited to individual projections within the

26 following systems: water delivery, sewage, recreation, housing for  
27 low and moderate income persons, commercial development,  
28 transportation, education, land use, environmental protection,  
29 public safety and health care.

30 The Commission as authorized hereunder may report to the  
31 General Court from time to time, but in any event shall report,  
32 including proposed legislation, if any, not later than the last  
33 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and seventy-six. Said  
34 Commission shall be mindful of other regions within the  
35 Commonwealth and shall whenever practicable, suggest within its  
36 report to the General Court, the elements of a Boston  
37 metropolitan regional planning and service structure which will  
38 have applicability in other regions of the Commonwealth.

39 The Commission may receive grants or gifts from any public or  
40 private source and it may use the office, personnel or other  
41 resources of any agency of the Commonwealth, as appropriate, as  
42 well as those of any private organization, as they may be offered.