

HOUSE No. 5371

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effectiveness of the probation system of the Commonwealth. Human Services and Elderly Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROBATION SYSTEM OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three mem-
2 bers of the senate, five members of the house of representatives,
3 and three persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby
4 established to make an investigation and study of the probation
5 system in the commonwealth. Said commission shall investigate
6 and study all aspects of the probation system including rules,
7 regulations and procedures of the various divisions of probation
8 service including the committee on probation, the commissioner
9 and deputy commissioners of probation and all probation offices
10 and officers within the judicial system of the commonwealth in
11 order that their effectiveness may be determined. Said commis-
12 sion shall report to the general court the results of its findings
13 together with any recommendations, and such drafts of
14 legislation as may be necessary to effectuate such recommen-
15 dations, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of
16 representatives on or before the last Wednesday of December,
17 nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

