

By Mr. Rushing of Boston, petition of Byron Rushing, Marie J. Parente, Thomas P. Kennedy, Patricia D. Jehlen and Benjamin Swan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to establishing a new seal and a new motto for the Commonwealth. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO A NEW SEAL AND NEW MOTTO FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established for
2 the purpose of examining the seal and motto of the
3 Commonwealth to determine that they accurately reflect and
4 embody the historic and contemporary commitments of the
5 Commonwealth to peace, justice, liberty and equality, and to
6 spreading the opportunities and advantages of education.

7 Said commission shall make recommendations regarding a
8 revised or new design of the seal of the commonwealth and a
9 revised or new motto of the commonwealth, as described in
10 chapter two, sections two to six, inclusive, of the General Laws.

11 Said commission shall consist of two members of the senate,
12 three members of the house of representatives, the secretary of the
13 commonwealth or his designee, the executive director of the
14 Massachusetts historical commission or his designee, the execu-
15 tive director of the council on arts and humanities or his designee,
16 and five persons to be appointed by the governor, three of whom
17 shall be of native American descent of Massachusetts tribes to be
18 selected from a list of six nominees to be submitted by the execu-
19 tive director of the commission on Indian affairs.

20 Said commission shall report to the general court the results of
21 its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any,
22 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recom-
23 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the

24 house of representatives on or before the last Wednesday of
25 January, 1998. Said commission shall not receive funds appropri-
26 ated by the commonwealth, provided, however, that they may
27 seek, accept and expend any grants or gifts of money, professional
28 services, consultant services, clerical and other services and sup-
29 plies from the federal government or any other private or public
30 source in the course of its investigation and study.