

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1286**

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1286) of Daniel E. Bosley for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to administrative fees charged by non-profit fundraisers. The Judiciary.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

Resolve.

- 1           **Resolved**, That there shall be a special commission to make an investigation and study of  
2 administrative fees charged by non-profit fundraisers. The commission shall consist of the  
3 attorney general or his designee; the undersecretary of the department of consumer affairs and  
4 business regulation or his designee; the chairs of the joint committee on consumer affairs and  
5 professional licensure; 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 1  
6 member of the senate to be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the house of  
7 representatives to be appointed by the speaker; and 1 member of the house of representatives to  
8 be appointed by the minority leader. The commission's study shall include an analysis of the  
9 percentage of charitable donations that are used for administrative fees and how and if this  
10 information is made available to the public. The commission shall make recommendations about  
11 whether it is necessary to impose a ceiling on administrative fees charged by non-profit  
12 fundraisers and appropriate reporting requirements for the percentage of donations actually  
13 received by charities. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its  
14 investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation

- 15 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect by filing them with the clerk of the senate  
16 and the clerk of the house of representatives on or before June 30, 2010.