

shall execute the contract in the name and behalf of the commonwealth. Bonds satisfactory to the said officers, to an amount not less than ten thousand dollars, shall be given by the party to whom the contract is awarded, to secure the faithful performance of the contract.

*Approved May 25, 1917.*

*Chap. 129* RESOLVE TO PROVIDE FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF PROBLEMS RELATING TO THE STREET RAILWAYS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Investigation  
of problems  
relating to the  
street railways  
of the common-  
wealth.

*Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of three members of the senate, to be appointed by the president, six members of the house of representatives, to be appointed by the speaker, and two persons, not members of the general court, to be appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of the council, shall sit during the recess of the general court to investigate and study the various problems relating to the control, supervision, regulation, ownership, operation, taxation, capitalization, finance, management and development of street railways in this commonwealth, and to the powers, duties and liabilities of street railway companies. The commission shall be known as the street railway investigation commission, and shall especially consider the following matters: — the development of street railways in such manner as to provide for the cheaper and quicker conveyance of food, including milk, from the country to the city, and of freight to and from the various railroad stations and wharves; the construction of street railways in parts of the state not now served by street railways or other means of transportation; the use of motor vehicles by street railway companies as feeders, or otherwise; the granting of authority to cities and towns to invest in the securities of street railway companies, or otherwise to render financial assistance to such companies; the ownership or operation of street railways by the commonwealth, or by cities and towns; amendments of the law relative to the obligations of street railway companies in respect to the paving of streets and the maintenance and repair of ways and bridges in or on which street railways are operated; the sale of commutation tickets for transportation by street railways; and the taxation of street railway companies. The commission hereby provided for shall be furnished with a room in the state house, and shall have the services of a clerk. The com-

mission shall give such public hearings, and in such places, as it may deem expedient, may administer oaths, may require the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and documents, may be allowed such sums for expenses necessarily incurred and shall receive such compensation as shall be approved by the governor and council. The commission shall report to the next general court, not later than the second Wednesday in January, with drafts of such legislation as it may deem expedient. *Approved May 25, 1917.*

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RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A SPECIAL *Chap.130*  
COMMISSION ON SOCIAL INSURANCE.

*Resolved,* That a special commission to be known as the Commission on Social Insurance composed of three members of the senate to be appointed by the president, six members of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker, and two other members to be appointed by the governor, shall sit during the recess of the general court for the purpose of further investigating the extent to which poverty occasioned by sickness may be alleviated, medical care for wage-earners and others of limited means may be provided, and measures to prevent disease may be promoted, by insurance. The commission shall undertake such investigations as to the health of wage-earners and the conditions under which they work, and as to existing systems of mutual, stock, fraternal, state, and other forms of insurance in this commonwealth and elsewhere as may be necessary to provide a sound basis for its recommendations, and shall submit a report, including drafts of any legislation which it may recommend, to the next general court, not later than the fifteenth day of January. The state department of health, the bureau of statistics, and the insurance department are hereby directed to co-operate with the commission and render such assistance as is compatible with the proper discharge of their respective duties. The commission shall have power to elect a chairman, secretary and other officers, to appoint sub-committees, and to employ assistance, clerical, expert or otherwise, as may be necessary. The commission shall have a room in the state house assigned for its use, and shall hold such public hearings as it may deem necessary, with the same powers to summon and examine witnesses as are conferred upon city councils and other bodies by the provisions of sections eight and nine of chapter one hundred

Appointment  
of special com-  
mission on  
social insurance.