

inafter called the commission, is hereby established for the purpose of investigating the subject matter of current house document number eleven hundred and thirty-eight relative to the purchase by the city of Boston of elevated structures used by the Boston Elevated Railway Company within said city, and in connection with such investigation it shall consider ways and means of financing any action recommended. The commission may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers before it relating to any matter under investigation, and any member thereof may issue such summonses and administer oaths to witnesses testifying before it. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of such legislation as may be necessary to carry the same into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate not later than December first in the current year. The commission may expend for the purposes of this investigation such sum, not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, as may be appropriated by the city of Boston out of the receipts in the treasury of said city.

Approved May 4, 1926.

Summoning
of witnesses,
etc.

Report to
general court,
etc.

Expenditures.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A RECLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTIVE OFFICES AND POSITIONS IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND AN INVESTIGATION OF CERTAIN STATUTORY AND OTHER SALARIES.

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Resolved, That the commission on administration and finance is hereby directed to make a study of the classification of the appointive offices and positions in the government of the commonwealth provided for by section forty-five of chapter thirty of the General Laws, and of the rules and regulations now in force under section forty-six of said chapter, and more particularly of the salaries fixed in accordance with such classification and the specifications establishing the same; and after completing said study, but not later than December first, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, it shall recommend to the governor and council such changes in said classification and rules and regulations as in its judgment are necessary.

Commission on
administration
and finance
to make study
of classification
of certain ap-
pointive offices
and positions in
government of
commonwealth
and of rules
and regulations
and salaries
connected
therewith.

Recommendations to gov-
ernor and
council.

In connection with said study, said commission shall consider the salaries of all appointive officers in the executive and administrative departments of the government which are fixed by statute or are required by law to be fixed subject to the approval of the governor and council, compare them with those fixed under the classification and rules and regulations hereinbefore mentioned, and make to the general court such recommendations for changes and increases therein as said commission deems necessary in order to bring them into conformity with the salaries fixed under said classification and rules and regulations.

Commission to
consider and
compare certain
statutory and
other salaries.

Recommendations to general
court.

For the purposes of this resolve, the said commission shall employ expert assistance.

Expert
assistance.

Report to
general court.

It shall make its report hereunder to the general court by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before December fifteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-six, and may expend for the purposes of this resolve such amount not exceeding twenty thousand dollars as may be appropriated by the general court.

Expenditures.

Approved May 5, 1926.

Chap. 46 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE PUBLICATION OF AN ADDITIONAL VOLUME OF OPINIONS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Publication of
additional vol-
ume of opinions
of attorney
general.

Resolved, That the attorney general is hereby authorized to collect and cause to be published in a volume properly indexed and digested such of the official opinions heretofore published as an appendix to the annual reports of the attorneys general during the years nineteen hundred and twenty-one to nineteen hundred and twenty-four, inclusive, as he may deem to be of public interest or useful for reference.

Printing and
distribution.

One thousand copies of said volume shall be printed under the direction of the attorney general, and shall be distributed by the state secretary as follows: — to the attorney general for distribution at his discretion, fifty copies; to such free public libraries, and branches thereof, in the commonwealth as the state secretary may designate, and to county law libraries, and incorporated law libraries, and branches thereof, in the commonwealth, one copy each; to the state library, twenty-five copies.

Sale of certain
copies.

After making the foregoing distribution or making provision therefor, the state secretary shall place the remaining copies on sale at such price per copy, not less than the cost of printing and binding, as shall be fixed by him.

Approved May 17, 1926.

Chap. 47 RESOLVE AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR AND COUNCIL TO MAKE CERTAIN TITLE ADJUSTMENTS AND AGREEMENTS MADE NECESSARY BY THE ACQUISITION OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE STATE HOUSE GROUNDS.

Governor and
council may
make certain
title adjust-
ments and
agreements
made necessary
by acquisition
of certain land
in state house
grounds.

Resolved, That the governor, with the approval of the executive council, upon such terms, conditions and considerations as the governor, with like approval, may determine, is hereby authorized to lease or to convey, in fee simple or otherwise, on behalf of the commonwealth, by instrument or instruments approved by the attorney general, to the owners of estates abutting on the land acquired by the commonwealth under chapter two hundred and fifty of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, such part or parts of said land as support party walls between said estates and said land, together with so much of the buildings or walls owned by the commonwealth as cover said part or parts, or to permit the occupation by such owners of said part or parts and the said buildings and walls thereon, and to enter into contracts and agreements for the better enjoyment and protection of such estates.

Approved May 17, 1926.