

*Chap. 64* RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF INVESTIGATING THE POSSIBILITIES OF CO-ORDINATING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES IN AND AROUND THE METROPOLITAN BOSTON AREA AND THE ADVISABILITY OF EXTENDING THE RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF BOSTON FROM THE SOUTH STATION TO THE READVILLE DISTRICT OF SAID CITY, AND RELATIVE TO THE RAILROAD TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH, WITH A VIEW TO DETERMINING WHAT ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO ASSURE CONTINUED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITIES SERVED BY CERTAIN RAILROAD LINES, PARTICULARLY COMMUTING PASSENGER SERVICE, SO CALLED.

*Resolved,* That an unpaid special commission, to consist of one member of the senate to be designated by the president thereof, three members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, three persons to be appointed by the governor, the attorney general and the chairman of the commission of the department of public utilities, is hereby authorized and directed to investigate the subject matter of so much of the governor's address, printed as current senate document numbered one, as relates to the possibilities of co-ordinating transportation facilities in and around the Metropolitan Boston area, and the subject matter of current senate document numbered three hundred and sixty-two, relative to the advisability of extending the rapid transit system in the city of Boston from the South station, along the right of way of the Providence division of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to the Readville district of said city. Said commission shall also make a further and thorough investigation of the operation of the lines of railroad in this commonwealth of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the Old Colony Railroad Company and the Boston and Providence Railroad Corporation, and of the incidence of taxes and other expenses on the costs of such operation, both line haul and terminal, and, in general, a thorough investigation of the subject of railroad transportation facilities within the commonwealth, with a view to determining, among other things, what action should be taken to assure continued transportation service for the communities served by said lines, by railroads, or otherwise, particularly commuting passenger service, so called. Said commission shall, in the course of its investigation, confer and co-operate with such agencies of the commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof, and with such civic and other associations or organizations, as may be engaged in making an investigation and study of said railroad problems for the purpose of co-ordinating the activities of said agencies, associations and organizations in carrying out said investigations and studies. Said commission shall also

inquire into all pertinent facts relating to plans submitted by any or all of said railroads, if any, in connection with proposed reorganizations of any of said railroads. The attorney general and the chairman of the commission of the department of public utilities, or either of them, if he so elects, may designate an officer or employee in his department to serve in his place on said commission. Said commission may call upon the department of public utilities and other departments, boards, commissions and officers of the commonwealth for such information as it may desire in the course of its investigation. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, shall have the power to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, records, contracts and papers and the giving of testimony under oath and, subject to the approval of the governor and council, may expend for expert, clerical and other services and expenses a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated from the general fund or revenue of the commonwealth. Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives as soon as may be, but in any event not later than the first Wednesday of December in the year nineteen hundred and forty. Said commission shall, at the time of filing its report with the clerk of the house of representatives as aforesaid, file a copy thereof with the governor.

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A STUDY AND INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL UNPAID COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE LIBERALIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE OLD AGE ASSISTANCE LAW, SO CALLED, AND RELATED MATTERS. *Chap. 65*

*Resolved,* That a special unpaid commission, to consist of one member of the senate to be designated by the president thereof, three members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, and three persons to be appointed by the governor, is hereby established for the purpose of making a study and investigation of the old age assistance law, so called, to determine the advisability or necessity of revising and liberalizing said law, particularly with reference to eligibility requirements as to age, amount of payments, resources of applicants, support of aged persons by their children, separation of boards of public welfare from bureaus of old age assistance, benefits to crippled and totally disabled persons, irrespective of age, and related matters. The commission shall consider the subject matter of so much of the governor's address (current senate document numbered one) as relates to the liberalization and administration of said law; also the subject matter of