

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE GENERAL SUBJECT OF PUBLIC EXPENDITURES WITH A VIEW TO ALLEVIATING THE BURDEN THEREOF, AND INCREASING THE SCOPE OF SAID INVESTIGATION AND STUDY. Chap. 55

*Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, established under chapter fifty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and revived and continued by chapter ten of the resolves of the current year, is hereby revived and continued for the purpose of continuing its investigation and study of the general subject of public expenditures, considering all possible economies which may be effected through legislative action, with a view to the reduction of government costs of the commonwealth and of its political subdivisions. The commission shall point out specifically and in detail what services now performed by the commonwealth or its political subdivisions can be eliminated and what obligations thereof can be abandoned, and generally shall investigate and study the entire problem of public expenditures with a view to alleviating the burden thereof. The commission, in the course of its investigation and study hereunder, shall also consider the subject of revenues and income of the commonwealth and of its political subdivisions. The commission may call upon the commissioner of corporations and taxation and other departments, commissions and officers of the commonwealth and of the several counties and municipalities for such information as it may desire in the course of its investigation and study. The commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, shall hold public hearings, and 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. The commission may expend for expert, clerical and other services and expenses the unexpended balance of the amount appropriated by item 0208 in section two of chapter six hundred and eighty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven. Said commission shall also consider the advisability of providing a continuous and progressive program for achieving and maintaining the utmost economy and efficiency in the administration of the affairs of the commonwealth and of its political subdivisions.

The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives not later than the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

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