

*Chap. 51* RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY ALL PHASES OF A CIVIL DEFENSE PROGRAM FOR THE SAFETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN TIME OF MILITARY EMERGENCY.

*Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission established by chapter fifty-six of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty is hereby revived and continued for the purpose of continuing its investigation and study relative to all phases of a civil defense program for the safety of the commonwealth in time of military emergency; including a study of our present local and state agencies, to determine whether they are adequate, or whether further legislation is needed to make them effective; including also a comparative study of our laws and agencies with those of sister states and the federal government. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold public hearings and may expend for clerical and other services and expenses the unexpended amount appropriated by item 0216 of section two of chapter eight hundred and twenty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty, and such other sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study hereunder, and its recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing one or more reports with the clerk of the senate at such time or times as the commission may elect, and by filing its final report with the clerk of the senate not later than February fifteenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

*Approved July 30, 1951.*

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*Chap. 52* RESOLVE ESTABLISHING AN UNPAID COMMISSION TO STUDY AND REVISE THE LAWS RELATING TO RETIREMENT SYSTEMS AND PENSIONS.

*Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to consist of two members of the senate to be designated by the president thereof, four 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 to make a survey and study of the laws of the commonwealth relating to retirement systems and pensions with a view to the revision, codification and simplification of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, the recommendation of such changes therein and additions thereto as may appear necessary and desirable, and particularly to the elimination of cross references and inserting in place thereof a delineation of the sections referred to. Said commission shall, in the course of its study, consider the subject matter of current senate documents numbered 336, 337, 338, 344, 358, 359 and 379, and of current house documents numbered 297, 485, 593, 602,

603, 906, 909, 914, 919, 1143, 1159, 1410, 1428, 1652, 1653, 1658, 1659, 1663, 1666, 1915, and 1917. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons the attendance and testimony by witnesses and the production of books and papers, may call on state officials and department heads for advice and assistance, may travel within the commonwealth, and may expend for experts, clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said 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 its 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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RESOLVE REVIVING AND FURTHER CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO STUDY THE PROBLEM OF PROVIDING BETTER PROTECTION ALONG THE COAST LINE OF THE COMMONWEALTH AGAINST LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY CAUSED BY STORMS. *Chap. 53*

*Resolved,* That the unpaid special commission established by chapter seventy of the resolves of nineteen hundred and forty-six and revived and continued by chapter sixty-one of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty, is hereby further revived and continued for the purposes of continuing its study of the problem of providing better protection along the coast line of the commonwealth against loss of life and property caused by storms, with a view to recommending plans for permanent relief against such losses. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may travel within and without the commonwealth, and may expend for expert, clerical and other assistance and for expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. Said commission shall report to the general court the results of its study 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 not later than the first Wednesday of December in the current year.

*Approved August 1, 1951.*

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE ADVISABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS WATER DISTRICT. *Chap. 54*

*Resolved,* That an unpaid special commission, to consist of two members of the senate to be designated by the president thereof, three members of the house of representatives to be designated by the speaker thereof, the director of the