

HOUSE No. 3151

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann and another for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the reorganization of county government in Essex County. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

RESOLVE CREATING A SPECIAL COMMISSION ON THE RE-ORGANIZATION OF COUNTY GOVERNMENT IN ESSEX COUNTY.

1 The provisions of General Laws notwithstanding there is hereby
2 created a Special Commission on the Reorganization of County
3 Government in Essex County which shall consist of eighteen
4 members, three of which shall be the Essex County Commission-
5 ers, five of which shall be members of the Essex County Advisory
6 Board appointed by the Chairman of said board; two of which
7 shall be members of the Senate appointed by the President of the
8 Senate, three of which shall be members of the House of Repre-
9 sentatives appointed by the Speaker of the House and five
10 members to be appointed by the Governor from among the resi-
11 dents of Essex County.

12 Said commission shall recommend to the Governor and General
13 Court by December 1980 a plan for the reorganization of Essex
14 County which may consider realignment of county boundaries, the
15 function of said county government, the organizational structure
16 of said county government and such other matters which would
17 constitute a substantive reform of said county maximizing the
18 practical implementation of regional and home rule goals and
19 objectives including the transfer of various local, county, regional
20 or state functions to or from said county government.

21 Said commissioner shall be required to hold no less than five
22 regional public hearings in said county and shall be authorized to
23 appoint sufficient staff as may be necessary.