

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Joseph N. Hermann for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the administration of state statistical policy, standards and data needs. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE STATISTICAL POLICY, STANDARDS AND DATA NEEDS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established, to
2 consist of three members of the Senate, five members of the House,
3 three members appointed by the Governor, two members
4 appointed by the Chancellor of the University of Massachusetts/
5 Amherst and one member appointed by the Supreme Judicial
6 Court for the purpose of investigation and study of state statistical
7 policy, standards and data needs. Said commission shall not be
8 limited to, but have under its purview investigation of:

9 1. the impact of the Commonwealth's data needs and public
10 management by curtailment of the U.S. government of statistical
11 programs currently provided the state, including the cessation of
12 intercensal official Federal Population Estimates below the
13 county level, the Income Estimates program, and the availability
14 and use by executive, legislative and judicial agencies of the
15 Commonwealth of various other federal statistical programs.

16 2. the use of appropriate population data for each of the 351
17 communities in various state and federal funds allocation
18 formulae, public school enrollment, health care and facility
19 planning, use in determination of population-based executive,
20 judicial and other public administrative appointments, including
21 consideration of the options for the establishment of an official
22 challenge process to any official population estimates so
23 promulgated for the Commonwealth's municipalities.

24 3. state participation in U.S. Census Bureau 1992 Census
25 Planning Programs and the adequacy of state preparation for the
26 federal census, including use of both printed and computer data
27 available under the P.L. 94-171 1990 Redistricting/Reapportion-
28 ment Program, and provisions for Local Review of the 1992
29 Census counts by local officials.

30 4. overall efficiency of the management of statistical data and
31 identification of adequate methods whereby statistical resources
32 can be shared and exchanged by state agencies and information
33 can be made available to the general public.

34 Funds shall be appropriated to said commission for purpose
35 of this investigation and study. Technical assistance and
36 professional services may be contracted to conduct its work and
37 promulgate its findings and recommendations with the General
38 Court by December first nineteen hundred and ninety-two.