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By Mr. McCann, a petition of Elliot L. Richardson, members of the Senate and another that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to developing the water resources of the Commonwealth and the advisability of establishing water basin commissions. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO DEVELOPING THE WATER RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND THE ADVISABILITY OF CREATING WATER BASIN COMMISSIONS.

1 *Resolved*, that a special commission, to consist of the Chair-  
2 man of the Water Resources Commission or his designee, the  
3 Attorney General or his designee, a member of the Senate to  
4 be appointed by the President thereof, two members of the  
5 House to be appointed by the Speaker thereof, and two mem-  
6 bers to be appointed by the Governor, is hereby established to  
7 make a study of the feasibility of developing and administer-  
8 ing the water resources of the Commonwealth on a regional  
9 basis by the creation of River Basin Commissions.

10 In the course of such study the special commission shall  
11 consider adequate water supply for domestic, industrial, agri-  
12 cultural and recreational purposes; flow augmentation, flood  
13 control, pollution control, streambank protection and related  
14 matters.

15 It shall consult with the New England River Basins Commis-  
16 sion, and other Federal, State, regional and local public agen-  
17 cies, and private organizations concerned with the sound long-  
18 range development and use of the water resources of the Com-  
19 monwealth. Especially, it shall concern itself with economies  
20 to be realized by cities and towns through a co-operative water  
21 resource program on a regional basis, and with the more ef-  
22 ficient use of the limited trained manpower presently avail-  
23 able to operate water and sewage facilities.

24 The special commission shall make recommendations in re-  
25 gard to the organization and management of River Basin Com-  
26 missions, and in regard to the best means of financing capital  
27 improvements and operating costs. It shall include in its re-  
28 port its recommendations in regard to the suitability of  
29 revenue bond financing of capital improvements.

30 Said special commission shall meet within thirty days of the  
31 enactment of this resolve, and failure of any appointing official  
32 to name his designees shall not delay the special commission  
33 from proceeding with its duties. The members shall elect a  
34 chairman and a secretary-treasurer.

35 The special commission may expend such sums as may be  
36 appropriated for its use. It shall engage such professional and  
37 clerical assistance as may be required, and may utilize per-  
38 sonnel and facilities of the Commonwealth with the approval  
39 of the Commissioners of such departments as may be involved.

40 The special commission shall report to the General Court the  
41 results of its study and its recommendations, if any, together  
42 with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommenda-  
43 tions into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the Sen-  
44 ate, from time to time, but no later than the first Wednesday  
45 of December 1968.