

HOUSE No. 1552

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 17, 1931.

The committee on Mercantile Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 14) of Albert H. Burnham and others, selectmen of the town of Lexington, for legislation relative to the powers of cities and towns to limit the use of billboards and other advertising devices, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 206) of Elmer E. Lane and others, selectmen of the town of Norton, for legislation relative to certain municipal signs and devices as affected by billboard and traffic regulations, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 313) of Emily H. Burnham, for the Massachusetts Civic League, for legislation to further protect locations reserved for public ways, so much of the recommendation of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 88) as relates to providing for a survey and revision by a special commission of the planning, zoning and board of survey laws (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 89), so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 88) as relates to the repeal or modification of town zoning by-laws (accompanied by bill, House, No. 90), so much of the recommendations of the Department of Public Welfare (House, No. 88) as relates to the powers of cities and towns to limit the use of billboards (accompanied by bill, House, No. 91), the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 295) of Clarence Richmond for an amendment of the law relative to zoning ordinances and by-laws in cities and towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House,

No. 874) of Herbert L. Robinson and others relative to procedure in connection with the repeal or modification of zoning by-laws in towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1193) of Joseph P. Walsh relative to the powers of cities and towns to limit the use of billboards, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1194) of Joseph P. Walsh relative to the approval by cities and towns of the granting of permits for billboards and other advertising devices by the Department of Public Works, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 1552).

For the committee,

JOHN HALLIWELL.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-One.

Resolve establishing a Special Commission to study and revise the Law relative to Zoning, Town Planning and the Regulation of Billboards and Other Advertising Devices.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission, to
2 consist of two members of the senate to be designated
3 by the president thereof, three members of the house
4 of representatives to be designated by the speaker
5 thereof and two persons to be appointed by the
6 governor, shall make a survey and study of the laws
7 relative to zoning, town planning and also relative
8 to the regulation of billboards and other advertising
9 devices, with a view to the revision and codification
10 of said laws and to the recommending of such changes
11 in and additions thereto as may appear necessary or
12 desirable; it shall also consider the subject matter of
13 current senate documents numbers fourteen, two
14 hundred and six and three hundred and thirteen and
15 current house documents numbers eighty-nine, ninety,
16 ninety-one, two hundred and ninety-five, eight hun-
17 dred and seventy-four, eleven hundred and ninety-
18 three and eleven hundred and ninety-four. Said com-
19 mission may expend, after an appropriation has been
20 made, for clerical and other services and expenses,
21 such sums, not exceeding dollars, as

22 may be approved by the governor and council. Said
23 commission shall report to the general court the
24 result of its investigation and its recommendations,
25 if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary
26 to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing
27 the same with the clerk of the house of representatives
28 not later than December first in the current year.