HOUSE No. 2892

The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

House of Representatives, May 25, 1959.

The committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the fifth report of the special commission (including members of the General Court) established (under chapter 54 of the Resolves of 1951 and most recently revived and continued under chapter 88 of the Resolves of 1958) to investigate and study the feasibility of establishing a southeastern Massachusetts water district (Senate, No. 625), report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 2892).

For the committee,

WALTER F. HURLBURT.

The Commonwealth of Passachusetts

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

RESOLVE FURTHER REVIVING AND CONTINUING AND INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS WATER DISTRICT AND OTHER SUBJECT MATTERS.

Resolved, That the unpaid special commission, established by 2 chapter fifty-four of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-3 one and most recently revived and continued by chapter eighty-4 eight of the resolves of nineteen hundred and fifty-eight, to 5 investigate and study the advisability and feasibility of estab-6 lishing a southeastern Massachusetts water district, is hereby 7 further revived and continued for the purpose of further con-8 sidering that subject, as well as any legislation or information 9 in connection therewith which may be presented by any of the 10 municipalities in the counties of Bristol and Plymouth, as to 11 their individual water problems; as well as all questions relat-12 ing to the quantities of water to be obtained from available 13 sources, its quality, the best methods of protecting the purity 14 of the water, the construction, operation and maintenance of 15 works for storing, conveying and purifying the water, the cost 16 of the same, and damages to property, and all other matters 17 pertaining thereto. The membership of said commission shall be 18 increased to include the chairman of the water resources com-19 mission or his designee.

The commission shall have the power to employ such engineers 21 and other assistants, including the procurement of the services 22 of such consulting engineers, chemists or attorneys as may be 23 necessary, and to incur such expenses as may be necessary for 24 carrying out the provisions of this resolve.

25 Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state 26 house or elsewhere, may hold hearings, and shall have the power 27 to summon witnesses and to require the production of books, 28 records and papers and the giving of testimony under oath. The commission may expend for the purposes of this resolve the balance available in item 0210–00 of section two of chapter seven hundred and forty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, and such other sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Said commission shall report fully with plans and estimates to 35 the general court by filing the same with the clerk of the senate 36 on or before May first, nineteen hundred and sixty-one, includ-37 ing in its report drafts of any legislation recommended by it.