

HOUSE No. 1909

By Mr. Whitney of Concord (by request), petition of the Massachusetts Federation of Taxpayers Associations, Inc., that the Judicial Council be requested to study the question of fees paid to public officers in connection with the courts of the Commonwealth. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR A STUDY BY THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL OF CERTAIN FEES AND PAYMENTS TO OFFICIALS OF THE COURTS.

1 *Resolved*, That the judicial council be requested
2 to make a study of the question of fees paid to public
3 officials in connection with the courts of the com-
4 monwealth including fees for attendance as witnesses,
5 for commitment of prisoners and of the insane,
6 for the serving of writs and documents, and of pay-
7 ments on account of mileage in connection therewith.
8 In such study the council shall study especially the
9 provisions of chapters two hundred and sixty-two
10 and two hundred and seventy-six of the General
11 Laws and of any other chapters or sections thereof
12 relating to such fees and payments.

13 For the purpose of this study, said council shall be
14 empowered to employ experts and clerical assistance,
15 and shall be furnished with quarters within or with-
16 out the State House as approved by the Governor
17 and Council.

18 For the purposes of said study, said judicial coun-
19 cil may expend, with the approval of the Governor
20 and Council, such sum as may be appropriated
21 therefor, but not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

22 Said judicial council shall file a report on the matters
23 herein referred to, together with their recommenda-
24 tions and any proposed legislation, with the clerk of
25 the house of representatives on or before the first
26 Wednesday in December in the year nineteen hun-
27 dred and forty-two.