

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

Resolve establishing a special commission relative to municipal finance accountability.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

12th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1989 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL FINANCE  
ACCOUNTABILITY.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

1           A special commission is hereby established to investigate and study the manner in which municipalities of  
2 the commonwealth balance their fiscal year budgets, including the accounting methods utilized by said cities and  
3 towns. The commission shall be appointed by the governor and shall consist of 10 members as follows: the house  
4 and senate chairmen of the joint committee on municipalities who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission, the  
5 house and senate chairmen of the committees on ways and means, or their designees, the speaker of the house of  
6 representatives, or his designee, the president of the senate, or his designee, the state auditor, or his designee, the  
7 commissioner of the department of revenue, or his designee, a representative of the executive office of  
8 administration and finance and a representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. The commission  
9 shall report to the general court the results of its study, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such  
10 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before  
11 December 31, 2009.

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