

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1286**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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Resolve [Title].

1           **Resolved**, That there shall be a special commission to make an investigation and study of  
2 administrative fees charged by non-profit fundraisers. The commission shall consist of the  
3 attorney general or his designee; the undersecretary of the department of consumer affairs and  
4 business regulation or his designee; the chairs of the joint committee on consumer affairs and  
5 professional licensure; 2 members of the senate to be appointed by the senate president; 1  
6 member of the senate to be appointed by the minority leader; 2 members of the house of  
7 representatives to be appointed by the speaker; and 1 member of the house of representatives to  
8 be appointed by the minority leader.

9           The commission’s study shall include an analysis of the percentage of charitable  
10 donations that are used for administrative fees and how and if this information is made available  
11 to the public. The commission shall make recommendations about whether it is necessary to  
12 impose a ceiling on administrative fees charged by non-profit fundraisers and appropriate  
13 reporting requirements for the percentage of donations actually received by charities. The  
14 commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study, and its  
15 recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such

16 recommendations into effect by filing them with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the house  
17 of representatives on or before June 30, 2010.