

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1299**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Harold P. Naughton, 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 adoption of the accompanying resolve:

Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to preparedness for natural disasters.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/18/2017</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>12/27/2017</i>

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 1299) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and John H. Rogers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the preparedness of the Commonwealth for natural disasters. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2162 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to preparedness for natural disasters.

1           **Resolved**, SECTION 1. Resolved, That a special commission is hereby established for  
2 the purpose of conducting an investigation and study of the commonwealth’s preparedness for a  
3 natural disaster. The commission shall recommend strategies and practices to minimize the risk  
4 of cyber attacks, utilities outages and other public safety concerns that may arise during or as a  
5 result of a natural disaster. The commission shall also study and make recommendations to  
6 improve the commonwealth’s disaster relief techniques.

7           The commission shall consist of the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on  
8 public safety and homeland security, who shall serve as co-chairs of the commission; 1 member  
9 to be appointed by the senate president; 1 member to be appointed by the speaker of the house of  
10 representatives; 1 member to be appointed by the senate minority leader; 1 member to be

11 appointed by the house minority leader; the colonel of state police or the colonel's designee; the  
12 commissioner of the department of public safety or the commissioner's designee; the director of  
13 the Massachusetts emergency management agency or the director's designee; the chairman of the  
14 commonwealth utilities commission or the chairman's designee, and 3 persons to be appointed  
15 by the governor. All appointments shall be made not later than 30 days after the effective date of  
16 this resolve. The chairpersons shall meet with the commission not later than 60 days after the  
17 effective date of this resolve.

18 SECTION 2. The commission shall report to the general court the result of its  
19 investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation  
20 necessary to carry its recommendations into effect by filing the same with the clerk of the house  
21 of representatives not later than 120 days after the first meeting of the commission.