

**SENATE . . . . . No. 208**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James T. Welch*

*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 establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James T. Welch</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Welch, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 208) of James T. Welch and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to establish a special legislative commission on young professionals. Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 243 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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Resolve establishing a special legislative commission on young professionals.

1           **Resolved**, that there shall be a special commission on young professionals established to  
2 examine how the commonwealth can better engage, involve and educate young professionals in  
3 decisions and policies that affect them and the commonwealth. The commission shall examine  
4 best practices and policies to retain and attract intellectual capital that will make the  
5 commonwealth a desirable place for young professionals to live, work and play.

6           The commission shall consist of the following members: the secretary of housing and  
7 economic development or a designee; the secretary of labor and workforce development or a  
8 designee; the secretary of education or a designee; 2 people to be appointed by the president of  
9 the senate; 1 person to be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 people to be  
10 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives; 1 person to be appointed by the  
11 minority leader of the house of representatives; and 10 additional members who shall be

12 appointed by the governor and who shall be representatives of young professionals networks or  
13 economic development networks in the commonwealth, 1 of whom shall be a representative of  
14 the Greater Lawrence Young Professionals Network , 1 of whom shall be a representative of the  
15 Young Professionals Society of Greater Springfield, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of  
16 Northampton Area Young Professionals, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Cape Cod  
17 Young Professionals, LLC, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Young Entrepreneurs of  
18 the North Shore, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of the South Coast Business Alliance,  
19 Inc. , 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Young Professionals of Greater Lowell, Inc., 1  
20 of whom shall be a representative of One in 3 in Boston, 1 of whom shall be a representative of  
21 the United Regional Young Professionals Organization , and 1 of whom shall be a representative  
22 of the South Shore Young Professionals, Inc. The commission may, by majority vote, add  
23 additional members to the commission as recommended by the governor.

24         The first meeting of the commission shall convene within 30 days of the effective date of  
25 this act at which the commission shall elect a chairperson. The commission shall meet not less  
26 frequently than quarterly thereafter and shall deliver a report of final recommendations to the  
27 governor and the chairs of the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than 18  
28 months after the effective date of this act.

29         The special commission may receive and expend grants, gifts, contributions, bequests and  
30 in-kind contributions, including volunteer services, from individuals, corporations or other  
31 business entities, foundations and state or other government bodies for the purpose of completing  
32 its report.