

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

*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 the special commission on assessing reform.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Nick Collins*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by resolve) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins that provisions be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to establish the special commission on assessing reform. Revenue.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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Resolve establishing the special commission on assessing reform.

1           **Resolved**, that there shall be a special commission to study property assessment in the  
2 commonwealth. The commission shall consist of: the commissioner of revenue or a designee; the  
3 chairs of the joint committee on revenue; 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed  
4 by the senate president, who shall serve as co-chair, 1 who shall be appointed by the senate  
5 minority leader; 2 members of the House of Representatives, 1 appointed by the speaker of the  
6 house of representatives, who shall serve as co-chair, and 1 chosen by the House of  
7 Representatives minority leader; a representative of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy; and a  
8 representative of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Inc.

9           The commission shall: (i) study the evaluation process of municipal assessing  
10 departments where vertical inequity is present in valuation assessments and assessed values; (ii)  
11 examine if there are flaws in the current real property tax classification system; (iii) identify  
12 modifications to the General Law Chapter 59, Section 2A and implementation; (iv) identify  
13 appropriate increases to property tax exemptions.

14           The commission shall convene its first meeting within 60 days of the effective date of  
15 this act and shall conduct not fewer than 3 public hearings to gather input from stakeholders and  
16 the public.

17           Not later than January 1, 2027, the commission shall file its recommendations and report  
18 with the clerk of the senate and house of representatives the joint committee on revenue and the  
19 department of revenue.