

SENATE NO. 1929

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY ENERGY CONSUMPTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH

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

1 SECTION 1. There shall be a special commission to study the energy consumption of the
2 government of the commonwealth. The commission shall specifically review the annual level
3 and cost of energy consumption by executive offices, departments, agencies and divisions of the
4 commonwealth's government over the past 3 fiscal years and shall develop a plan to conserve
5 energy by reducing the government's annual energy consumption rates by at least 10 per cent
6 compared to the average consumption rates over the past 3 fiscal years and by increasing the use
7 of energy efficiency methods. The commission shall investigate and devise a plan to include
8 renewable energy sources in the government of the commonwealth's energy portfolio. The
9 commission shall also study the feasibility of utilizing innovative contracting and capital
10 improvement planning to increase energy efficiency and reduce energy expenses in
11 commonwealth facilities. The commission shall hold at least 4 statewide public hearings as part
12 of its review. The commission shall report its findings and any proposed legislation to the clerks
13 of the senate and the house of representatives not later than December 31, 2005. A copy of such
14 report shall also be submitted, by said date, with the secretary of administration and finance,
15 who shall take steps necessary to implement the recommendations of the commission.

16 SECTION 2. The special commission shall consist of 16 members. 8 members shall be
17 appointed by the governor, including the chair of the department of telecommunications and

18 energy, or his designee; the commissioner of energy resources, or his designee; the
19 commissioner of the division of capital asset management and maintenance, or his designee; the
20 secretary of administration and finance, or his designee; the secretary of transportation, or his
21 designee; the president of the University of Massachusetts or his designee; the superintendent of
22 state office buildings or his designee; and a representative from the Massachusetts Technology
23 Park Collaborative. 4 members shall be appointed by the senate president, including the senate
24 chair of the joint committee on energy and the senate minority leader or his designee; a
25 representative from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; and a representative
26 from an organization that addresses energy conservation issues. 4 members shall be appointed
27 by the speaker of the house of representatives, including the house chair of the joint committee
28 on energy and the house minority leader or his designee; a representative from the National
29 Association of Government Employees; and a representative from an organization that
30 addresses energy conservation issues.