

Vermont State Archives
Commission to Study State Government
A.K.A. Little Hoover Commission
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Modeled after the federal Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, created in 1947, and chaired by former President Herbert Hoover, Vermont passed Act #283 (H.281, 1957) creating the Commission to Study the Operation of State Government. The Commission, chaired by Deane C. Davis, was composed of seven members consisting of one senator, two representatives and four public members, at least two of whom should be “from the minority political party”.

The Commission was charged with several tasks in pursuance of high efficiency in state government at the lowest possible cost to taxpayers. The study considered the consolidation of services and elimination of duplication, methods and procedures for reducing costs, and several studies within the study to evaluate services provided by and necessary for the efficient operation of state government.

The Commission was authorized to contract with persons or organizations qualified and experienced to conduct and make professional evaluations of public service organizations.

Included in the collection is correspondence, consultants’ applications and proposals, laws relating to the Commission, minutes, memorandums, press releases, reports, and state agency files.

Arranged alphabetically by subject.