

SENATE No. 32

To accompany the petition of Joseph A. Langone, Jr., that provision be made for the popular election of the commission supervising the Department of Public Utilities. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Five.

An Act providing for the Election by Popular Vote of the Members of the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities.

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. Chapter twenty-five of the General
2 Laws is hereby amended by striking out section
3 two and inserting in place thereof the follow-
4 ing: —

5 *Section 2.* The department shall be under the
6 supervision and control of a commission of five
7 members, in this chapter called the commission.
8 The chairman of said commission shall receive an
9 annual salary of eight thousand dollars and the
10 four remaining members of said commission
11 shall receive an annual salary of seven thousand
12 dollars. At the state election in nineteen hun-
13 dred and thirty-six there shall be elected at large

14 five persons to serve as members of the commis-
15 sion. The two receiving the highest number of
16 votes shall serve for terms of four years from the
17 first Wednesday of January following their elec-
18 tion and the other three shall serve for terms of
19 two years from said first Wednesday of January;
20 and at each state election thereafter the succes-
21 sors to the members whose terms expire on the
22 following first Wednesday of January shall be
23 elected at large for terms of four years from said
24 first Wednesday of January. If any member of
25 the commission dies or resigns the governor shall
26 appoint his successor to serve for the balance of
27 his unexpired term.

1 SECTION 2. On the first Wednesday of January,
2 nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, the terms of
3 the members of the commission of public utilities
4 then in office shall expire.