

# SENATE . . . . No. 511

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To accompany the petition of Conde J. Brodbine for the election by popular vote of the members of the Commission of the Department of Public Utilities. State Administration.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

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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 two  
3 and inserting in place thereof the following:—

4 *Section 2.* The department shall be under the  
5 supervision and control of a commission of five  
6 members, in this chapter called the commission, the  
7 chairman of said commission shall receive an annual  
8 salary of eight thousand dollars and the four remain-  
9 ing members of said commission shall receive an  
10 annual salary of seven thousand dollars. At the  
11 state election in nineteen hundred and forty there  
12 shall be elected at large five persons to serve as mem-  
13 bers of the commission. The two receiving the  
14 highest number of votes shall serve for terms of four

15 years from the first Wednesday of January follow-  
16 ing their election and the other three shall serve  
17 for terms of two years from said first Wednesday of  
18 January; and at each state election thereafter the  
19 successors to the members whose terms expire on the  
20 following first Wednesday of January shall be elected  
21 at large for terms of four years from said first Wednes-  
22 day of January. If any member of the commission  
23 dies or resigns the governor shall appoint his suc-  
24 cessor to serve for the balance of his unexpired term.

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