

SENATE No. 381

To accompany the petition of Daniel F. O'Brien and another that certain provisions of law relating to the disposition of bonds of gas and electric companies be made applicable to all long term notes, debentures or other evidences of indebtedness issued by such companies. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF BONDS OF GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES APPLICABLE TO ALL LONG-TERM NOTES, DEBENTURES OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS ISSUED BY SUCH COMPANIES.

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

1 Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 15, as appearing in the Tercen-
3 tenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following section: —

5 *Section 15.* A gas or electric company, under the
6 supervision of the department, selling, offering for
7 sale, or issuing bonds, debentures, notes, or other
8 evidences of indebtedness payable at periods of more
9 than five years after the date thereof, shall invite
10 proposals for the purchase thereof by advertisements

11 in two or more newspapers published in the city or
12 town where it is situated, if there be such, and in two
13 or more newspapers published in Boston. It may,
14 however, reserve the right to reject any and all bids.
15 It need not invite such proposals with respect to an
16 issue of bonds, debentures, notes, or other evidences of
17 indebtedness not exceeding one million dollars in face
18 amount. The department may grant an exemption
19 from part or all of the requirements of this section
20 whenever it finds after a public hearing that the
21 granting of such exemption is in the public interest.