

HOUSE No. 1041

By Mr. Kahalas of Boston, petition of Abraham H. Kahalas and another that the Metropolitan Transit Authority be authorized to sell its surface lines to a private owner. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY TO SELL ITS SURFACE LINES TO A PRIVATE OWNER.

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

1 The Metropolitan Transit Authority is hereby au-
2 thorized to enter into negotiations for the sale and to
3 sell to any person, combination of persons or cor-
4 poration the surface lines now owned and operated
5 by said Authority, including all rolling stock, buses,
6 equipment, leases and franchises pertaining thereto.
7 Said sale shall be subject to the approval of the de-
8 partment of public utilities and shall be on the ex-
9 press condition that the new owner shall not in any
10 way diminish or curtail service on said surface line
11 except with the approval of said department.

It is the duty of every citizen to support the laws of the State and to pay the taxes imposed thereon.

The Government of the State

The Government of the State is composed of the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches.

The Executive branch is headed by the Governor, who is elected by the people for a term of four years.

1. The Governor has the honor and privilege of representing the State in all official matters.
2. He has the power to pardon and commute the sentences of criminals.
3. He has the power to appoint and remove all officers and employees of the State.
4. He has the power to call the Legislature into special session.
5. He has the power to veto any bill passed by the Legislature.
6. He has the power to grant reprieves and pardons to criminals.
7. He has the power to declare martial law in times of insurrection or rebellion.
8. He has the power to declare a state of emergency.
9. He has the power to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus* in times of public danger.
10. He has the power to grant commutations of sentence to prisoners.
11. He has the power to grant paroles to prisoners.
12. He has the power to grant clemency to prisoners.