
To accompany the petition of Mario Umama and Philip G. Bowker for legislation relative to the place of filing certain petitions for legislation by the State Secretary. Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLACE OF FILING CERTAIN PETITIONS FOR LEGISLATION BY THE STATE SECRETARY.

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 5 of chapter 3 of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by section 1 of chapter 508 of the
3 acts of 1939, is hereby further amended by inserting
4 after the word "of", the first time the same appears in
5 line 26, the words:— the senate or of, — so as to read
6 as follows:— *Section 5.* Whoever intends to present to
7 the general court a petition for the incorporation of a
8 city or town, for the annexation of one municipality to
9 another, for the consolidation of two or more municipi-
10 palities or for the division of an existing municipality,
11 or for the incorporation or revival of a railroad, street
12 railway, elevated railroad, canal, telephone, telegraph,
13 water, gas, electric light, power or other public service
14 corporation, for the amendment, alteration or extension
15 of the charter or corporate powers or privileges, or for
16 the change of name, of any such company, whether
17 specially incorporated or organized under general laws,
18 or for authority to take water for a water supply, or
19 relative to building structures in or over navigable or
20 tide waters, shall give notice of such petition by publish-
21 ing a copy thereof once in each of three successive weeks

22 in such newspapers as the state secretary, having regard
23 to the locality of the interests involved in such petition,
24 shall direct, the last publication to be made at least
25 twenty-four days before the session at which the petition
26 is to be presented. Such petition with a bill embodying
27 in substance the legislation petitioned for shall be de-
28 posited on or before the third Saturday of December
29 next preceding such session in the office of the state
30 secretary, with proof of publication satisfactory to him,
31 and he shall file said petition and bill forthwith with the
32 clerk of the senate or of the house of representatives,
33 with his endorsement that the required publication has
34 been made.

35 Every petition seeking as aforesaid the incorporation
36 or revival or change of name of a public service corpora-
37 tion and every petition by or on behalf of such a corpora-
38 tion seeking as aforesaid legislation otherwise amending,
39 altering or extending the charter or corporate powers or
40 privileges of such a corporation shall be accompanied by
41 a fee of twenty-five dollars which shall be paid to the
42 commonwealth.