

SENATE No. 191

To accompany the petition of Grenville L. Hancock for legislation relative to changes of par value of capital stock of street railway companies. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CHANGES OF PAR VALUE OF CAPITAL STOCK OF STREET RAILWAY 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 Section twenty A of chapter one hundred and sixty-
2 one of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
3 serting after the word "thirty-six" in line seven the
4 words: — , or may authorize a change of such par
5 value to a par value of ten dollars or of five dollars;
6 — so as to read as follows: — *Section 20A.* Every
7 corporation subject to this chapter may, at a meet-
8 ing duly called for the purpose, by the vote of a
9 majority of all of its stock or, if two or more classes
10 of stock have been issued, of a majority of each
11 class outstanding and entitled to vote, authorize a
12 change of the par value of the shares of its capital
13 stock in accordance with paragraph (h) of section
14 four or paragraph (i) of section one hundred and
15 thirty-six, or may authorize a change of such par

16 value to a par value of ten dollars or of five dollars;
17 but such change shall not be effective unless the de-
18 partment shall approve the same on an application
19 of the corporation filed within thirty days after the
20 passage of such vote. The aggregate par value of
21 the outstanding shares shall not be increased by a
22 change in the par value thereof.