

To accompany the petition of Charles H. Hodskinson for legislation relative to land takings by gas and electric companies for plants and other purposes. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven.

An Act relative to Land Takings by Gas and Electric Companies for Plants and Other Purposes.

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 one hundred and sixty-four of the
2 General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
3 after section seventy-two the following new
4 section:—

5 *Section 72A.* If an electric or gas company
6 requires land for the erection of or addition to
7 a plant, gasholder, substation or transformer
8 station and is unable to obtain it by agreement
9 with the owner, it may apply to the department,
10 which, after notice to the owner and a hearing,
11 may prescribe the limits within which it may be
12 taken without his permission; and the company
13 may, within one year after the decree, take such
14 property by eminent domain under chapter
15 seventy-nine.

