

HOUSE No. 962

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, February 3, 1928.

The committee on State Administration, to whom were referred the special report of the Department of Public Utilities relative to the advisability of repealing the law authorizing assessments to meet the expenses of supervising gas, electric and water companies by said department, and substituting a system of filing or other fees applicable to all services rendered by said department (House, No. 4), and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 526) of Frank W. Eaton that the Commonwealth pay the entire expense of maintaining the Department of Public Utilities, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 962).

For the committee,

FRANK W. EATON.

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

An Act providing for the Payment by the Commonwealth of the Salaries of the Commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities.

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 eleven of chapter twenty-five of the Gen-
2 eral Laws is hereby amended by striking out, in the
3 sixth and seventh lines, the words “, including one
4 half the sum annually appropriated for the salaries
5 of the commissioners,” — so as to read as follows: —
6 *Section 11.* The general court, in making annual
7 appropriations for the department, shall designate
8 what portions thereof shall be used for salaries of em-
9 ployees and expenses incurred in the performance of
10 its functions relative to gas, electric and water com-
11 panies and municipal lighting plants. Except as
12 otherwise provided, the portions thus designated
13 shall be apportioned by the commissioner of cor-
14 porations and taxation among the several gas and
15 electric companies, water companies and cities and
16 towns which have acquired municipal lighting plants,
17 and, on or before July first in each year, he shall
18 assess upon each of said companies, cities and towns
19 its share of said sums, in proportion to gross earnings

20 in the case of companies, and in proportion to ex-
21 penses as defined in section fifty-seven of chapter one
22 hundred and sixty-four, in the case of cities and towns,
23 for the year last preceding the year in which the
24 assessment is made; and such assessments in the case
25 of companies shall be collected in the manner in which
26 taxes upon corporations are collected, and in the
27 case of cities and towns, in the manner in which the
28 state tax is collected.

