

HOUSE . . . No. 938

By Mr. Alexander F. Sullivan of Boston, petition of Alexander F. Sullivan that provision be made for popular election of the commissioners of the Department of Public Utilities. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide for the Election by the People of Members of the Commission 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 1. Chapter twenty-five of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary edition
3 thereof, is hereby amended by striking out section
4 two and inserting in place thereof the following:—
5 *Section 2.* The department shall be under the
6 supervision and control of a commission of five
7 members, in this chapter called the commission, the
8 chairman of said commission shall receive an annual
9 salary of eight thousand dollars and the four re-
10 maining members of said commission shall receive
11 an annual salary of seven thousand dollars. At
12 the state election in nineteen hundred and thirty-
13 two there shall be elected at large five persons to
14 serve as members of the commission. The two re-
15 ceiving the highest number of votes shall serve for

16 terms of four years from the first Wednesday of
 17 January following their election and the other three
 18 shall serve for terms of two years from said first
 19 Wednesday of January; and at each state election
 20 thereafter the successors to the members whose terms
 21 expire on the following first Wednesday of January
 22 shall be elected at large for terms of four years
 23 from said first Wednesday of January. If any mem-
 24 ber of the commission dies or resigns the governor
 25 shall appoint his successor to serve for the balance
 26 of his unexpired term.

1 SECTION 2. On the first Wednesday of January,
 2 nineteen hundred and _____, the terms of the
 3 members of the commission of public utilities then
 4 in office shall expire.