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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.**

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 22, 1916.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill to abolish the Public Service Commission and to establish the Board of Public Service Commissioners (House, No. 2040), report that it ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the committee,

JOHN G. FAXON.

Mr. MURPHY dissents.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Payment of the Expenses of the Public Service Commission.

*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. All the expenses of the public service  
2 commission established under chapter seven hundred and  
3 eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
4 thirteen shall be apportioned by the tax commissioner  
5 among the several railroad, street railway, telephone and  
6 telegraph companies, and, on or before the first day of  
7 July in each year, he shall assess upon each of said cor-  
8 porations its share of such expenses, in proportion to its  
9 gross earnings for the last year preceding the year in  
10 which the assessment is made; and such assessments  
11 shall be collected in the same manner as taxes upon cor-  
12 porations. Section eight of chapter seven hundred and  
13 eighty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
14 thirteen is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect not earlier than  
2 July first in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.