

SENATE No. 552

By Mr. Wetmore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 552) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to provide for the election of one member of the Public Utilities Commission. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES 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. Chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended
3 by section 105 of chapter 872 of the acts of 1977, and insert-
4 ing in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 2.* The department shall be under the supervision
6 and control of a commission consisting of three members, in
7 this chapter called the commission. The three commissioners
8 shall serve for a term coterminous with that of the governor.
9 Of the three commissioners, two shall be appointed by the gov-
10 ernor and one shall be elected by ballot in the biennial state
11 election pursuant to the provisions of chapters fifty to fifty-
12 seven, inclusive; the commissioners shall devote their full time
13 to the duties of their office. The governor shall designate one
14 of said commissioners as chairman. Not more than two mem-
15 bers of said commission shall be members of the same political
16 party. The chairman shall receive a salary of thirty-three
17 thousand, one hundred and forty-six dollars, and each of the
18 other commissioners shall receive a salary of twenty-eight
19 thousand and twenty-one dollars.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of section 1 relative to appoint-
2 ment of commissioners by the governor shall take effect on the
3 date of the first biennial state election following the effective
4 date of this act.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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