

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 675.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Arthur B. Chapin. Cities.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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### AN ACT

To ratify a Certain Contract made by the City of Holyoke by its Board of Public Works with the Holyoke Water Power Company.

*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. The board of aldermen of the city  
2 of Holyoke shall call a special meeting of the  
3 legal voters of said city, to be held within sixty  
4 days after the passage of this act, to vote upon  
5 the following question: — Shall the contract of the  
6 city of Holyoke by its board of public works with  
7 the Holyoke Water Power Company for the fur-  
8 nishing of electricity for light and commercial  
9 purposes for a period of fifteen years from the

10 date thereof, and dated nineteen hundred, be rati-  
11 fied? And if the said question is answered affirm-  
12 atively by a majority of the voters voting thereon  
13 the said contract shall be deemed ratified, and the  
14 same shall be legal and binding from the date  
15 thereof in like manner as if the said city of Hol-  
16 yoke had possessed full authority on the date of  
17 said contract to make the same, and the said city  
18 thereupon shall be released from all liability to  
19 purchase the plant and property of said Holyoke  
20 Water Power Company under the votes hereto-  
21 fore passed by said city under the provisions of  
22 chapter three hundred and seventy of the acts of  
23 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one and  
24 chapter four hundred and fifty-four of the acts  
25 of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three,  
26 and said city shall not during the period of said  
27 contract establish any municipal lighting plant  
28 under said statutes or any similar enabling acts  
29 hereafter passed.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.