

SENATE . . . . . No. 321.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, April 6, 1903.

The joint committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to Corporate Political Influence, reports the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

A. N. FROST.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Public Service Corporations and their  
Employees.

*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. No railroad, street railway, elec-  
2 tric light, gas, telegraph, telephone, water or  
3 steamboat company shall appoint, promote, rein-  
4 state or discharge any person employed or  
5 seeking employment by any such company at the  
6 request of the governor, lieutenant governor, or  
7 any member or member elect of the council or of  
8 the general court, or candidate therefor, justice  
9 of the supreme judicial court, justice of the supe-  
10 rior court, judge of probate, justice of a police,  
11 district or municipal court, district attorney,  
12 member or member elect of, or candidate for, a  
13 board of county commissioners, board of alder-  
14 men, board of selectmen, or city council, or any

15 executive, administrative or judicial officer, clerk  
16 or employee of any branch of the government of  
17 the Commonwealth or of any county, city or  
18 town; nor shall any such public officer or body,  
19 or any member or member elect thereof or  
20 candidate therefor, directly or indirectly advocate,  
21 oppose, or otherwise interfere in, or make any  
22 request, recommendation, endorsement, require-  
23 ment or certificate relative to, and the same, if  
24 made, shall not be required as a condition prece-  
25 dent to, or be in any way regarded or permitted  
26 to influence or control, the appointment, promotion,  
27 reinstatement or retention of any person employed  
28 or seeking employment by any such corporation,  
29 and no such person shall solicit, obtain, exhibit,  
30 or otherwise make use of any such official request,  
31 recommendation, certificate or endorsement, in  
32 connection with any existing or desired employ-  
33 ment by a public service corporation.

1 SECTION 2. The offices of notary public and  
2 justice of the peace shall not be considered public  
3 offices within the meaning of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Any person or corporation violat-  
2 ing the provisions of this act shall be liable to a  
3 fine not less than fifty dollars nor more than one  
4 hundred dollars for each offence.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

