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Bill accompanying the petition of J. E. Clarey for legislation to provide that the returns of gas and electric light companies shall be filed with the clerks of cities and towns. Public Lighting. January 17.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

### AN ACT

Relative to Returns of Gas and Electric Light Companies.

*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. Section one of chapter four hundred and  
2 six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three is  
3 hereby amended by inserting after the word "Septem-  
4 ber," in line four, the words: — file with the clerk of the  
5 city or town in which they are situated and, — so as to  
6 read as follows: — *Section 31.* Corporations and com-  
7 panies engaged in the manufacture and sale of gas or elec-  
8 tricity for light or heat shall annually, on or before the  
9 second Wednesday of September, file with the clerk of  
10 the city or town in which they are situated and make to

11 said board, in a form prescribed by it, a return for the  
12 year ending on the thirtieth day of June preceding,  
13 signed and sworn to by its president and treasurer and  
14 a majority of the directors, of the amount of its author-  
15 ized capital, its indebtedness and financial condition, on  
16 the said thirtieth day of June preceding, its income and  
17 expenses during the preceding year, its dividends paid  
18 out and declared, a list of the names of all its salaried  
19 officers, and the amount of the annual salary paid to  
20 each, and the balance sheet of its accounts as of said  
21 preceding thirtieth day of June. Every such corpora-  
22 tion and company shall at all times, upon request, fur-  
23 nish any information required by the board relative to  
24 its condition, management and operation, and shall  
25 comply with all lawful orders of said board.

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