

SENATE No. 206

To accompany the petition of the South Boston Trade Association that the Public Service Commission investigate the operations of the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company and of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in and around the city of Boston.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Investigation of Certain Telephone Companies in and around the City of Boston.

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 public service commission of
2 Massachusetts is authorized and instructed to
3 make a thorough investigation into the rates,
4 service, operation and general conduct and man-
5 agement of the New England Telephone & Tele-
6 graph Company and the American Telephone &
7 Telegraph Company so far as it pertains to the
8 city of Boston and its suburbs, cities and towns,

9 within a radius of ten miles thereof, to the end
10 that the public service commission may secure
11 information and may make such demands and
12 requests of said companies for changes and bene-
13 fits to the public of rates, service, operation, etc.,
14 for the telephone subscribers within said area, so
15 that the subscribers in all exchanges of said Bos-
16 ton, suburbs, cities and towns, and within radius
17 of ten miles, may be accorded equal rights and
18 privileges, opportunities and service, with especial
19 attention to granting like rates and service in all
20 of the exchanges within the said area and to
21 equalize present rates whereby subscribers in
22 some exchanges have privileges and service with
23 six or eight other exchanges and some exchanges
24 have service and privileges only with two adjacent
25 exchanges and district.

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

