

HOUSE No. 1531

By Mr. O'Shea of Lynn, petition of Charles H. Morrill relative to the vote required in city councils for establishment of lighting plants by cities and towns. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VOTE REQUIRED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF LIGHTING PLANTS BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

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 thirty-five of chapter one
2 hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, as
3 appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby
4 amended by striking out said section and inserting
5 in place thereof the following new section:—
6 *Section 35.* A city shall not acquire such a plant
7 until authorized by a majority vote of each branch of
8 its city council or of a majority of its city council if
9 the city government consists of but one branch, or of
10 a majority of the commissioners if the city govern-
11 ment consists of a commission, and thereafter ratified
12 by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an
13 annual or special city election.

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty-six of said chapter one
2 hundred and sixty-four, as so appearing, is hereby
3 amended by striking out said section and inserting
4 in place thereof the following new section:—

5 *Section 36.* A town shall not acquire such a plant
6 until authorized by a majority vote taken by ballot
7 with the use of the voting list, at a town meeting
8 called therefor in accordance with law.