
By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 512) of Joseph F. Timilty and another for legislation to require public disclosure of proceedings in board meetings of gas, electric and telephone companies. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PROCEEDINGS IN BOARD MEETINGS OF GAS, ELECTRIC AND TELEPHONE 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 7 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding, after the word "offence," in the
3 seventh clause of first sentence of paragraph 1, the following
4 phrase: such by-laws in every case shall provide for the taking
5 of written minutes at every meeting of the board of directors
6 and executive board shall further provide that a copy of each
7 set of minutes shall be placed on file with the secretary of the
8 department not later than 30 days after the adjournment of
9 said meeting and that additional copies shall be sent by mail
10 to any interested party upon receipt of a written request.

1 SECTION 2. Section 8 of Chapter 158 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by adding, after the first sentence of the first
3 paragraph, the following new sentence: Notwithstanding any
4 other provision of Section 9 of Chapter 156, any by-laws
5 adopted by any telephone company in accordance with the
6 provisions of this section and Section 9 of Chapter 156 shall
7 provide for the taking of written minutes at every meeting
8 of the board of directors and executive board and shall further
9 provide that a copy of each set of minutes shall be placed on
10 file with the department not later than 30 days after the
11 adjournment of said meeting and that additional copies shall
12 be sent by mail to any interested party upon receipt of a
13 written request.

By Mr. Tamm a petition (accompanied by the Board of Directors of the Government Printing Office) was presented for the purpose of amending the act to provide for the printing of the proceedings in joint meetings of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

The Government Printing Office

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two

AN ACT TO REQUIRE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS OF BOARD MEMBERS OF GAS, ELECTRIC AND RAILWAY COMPANIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 1. Section 7 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws is
 2 hereby amended by adding after the word "wherein" in the
 3 seventh clause of first sentence of paragraph 1, the following:
 4 "unless such person in every case shall provide for the taking
 5 of written notices at every meeting of the board of directors
 6 and executive board and further provide that a copy of each
 7 set of minutes shall be placed on file with the secretary of the
 8 department not later than 30 days after the adjournment of
 9 said meeting and that additional copies shall be sent by mail
 10 to any interested party upon receipt of a written request."

1 Section 2. Section 8 of Chapter 103 of the General Laws is
 2 hereby amended by adding after the first clause of the first
 3 paragraph, the following new sentence: "Notwithstanding any
 4 other provision of Section 9 of Chapter 103, any person
 5 engaged by any telephone company in connection with the
 6 provisions of this section and Section 8 of Chapter 103 shall
 7 provide for the taking of written minutes at every meeting
 8 of the board of directors and executive board and shall further
 9 provide that a copy of each set of minutes shall be placed on
 10 file with the department not later than 30 days after the
 11 adjournment of said meeting and that additional copies shall
 12 be sent by mail to any interested party upon receipt of a
 13 written request."