

HOUSE No. 925

By Mr. Murphy of Peabody (by request), petition of Robert Blake for legislation to establish a municipal light commission for the city of Peabody. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A MUNICIPAL LIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE CITY OF PEABODY.

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. On the first Monday in January after
2 the acceptance of this act, the mayor of the city of
3 Peabody shall appoint a municipal light commission,
4 subject to confirmation by the city council, to consist
5 of three citizens of said city, who shall not hold other
6 public office therein, and who shall serve until their
7 successors have been elected and qualified by the voters
8 of the city of Peabody at the first regular city election
9 after the acceptance of this act.

10 At such first regular city election after the accept-
11 ance of this act the voters of the city of Peabody shall
12 elect a municipal light commission to consist of three
13 citizens of said city, who shall not hold other public
14 office therein, and who shall serve for two, four and
15 six years, respectively, from the first Monday in Jan-

16 uary following their election; and every two years
17 thereafter, the voters shall elect at the regular city
18 election one member for the term of six years.

19 The commission shall select one of its members as
20 chairman, to serve as such during its pleasure. The
21 commission shall have and exercise the powers and
22 be subject to the duties relative to the municipal
23 lighting plant of said city which are now conferred or
24 imposed by law upon the mayor, and shall have in
25 addition all the powers and duties now conferred or
26 imposed by law upon municipal light boards in towns.

27 If a vacancy occurs in the municipal light commis-
28 sion by failure to elect, or otherwise, the city council
29 and the remaining members of the municipal light
30 commission shall meet in joint convention and elect
31 a suitable person to fill the same until the next regular
32 city election.

1 SECTION 2. The commission shall establish the
2 office of manager, and shall fix his salary; said manager
3 shall not be a member of the commission.

1 SECTION 3. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith shall not apply to the city of Peabody.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the legal
2 voters of said city at the regular municipal election in
3 the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one for their ac-
4 ceptance or rejection. And if a majority of the vote
5 cast thereon are in the affirmative, the same shall
6 thereon take full effect; but not otherwise. So much
7 hereof as provides for submission to the voters of said
8 city shall take effect upon its passage.