

HOUSE No. 4966

By Mr. Coppinger of Boston, petition of Francis X. Coppinger relative to prohibiting public utility companies from expending funds for the purpose of influencing the Legislature or the public concerning the establishment of competing public authorities. Government Regulations.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT FUNDS SHALL NOT BE EXPENDED BY A PUBLIC UTILITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF INFLUENCING THE LEGISLATURE OR THE PUBLIC CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPETING PUBLIC AUTHORITIES.

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

- 1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
- 2 to the contrary, no public utility shall expend any money in any
- 3 manner to defeat or amend or otherwise to influence the
- 4 legislature or the public concerning any proposal to establish a
- 5 public authority or any other substitute or competing agency,
- 6 board, department or similar organization.

