

HOUSE No. 551.

[Mr. O'NEIL of Chicopee gives notice that he will move to substitute this bill for the report of the committee on Manufactures, inexpedient to legislate.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-two.

AN ACT

To amend Section Eleven of Chapter One Hundred and Six of the Public Statutes relating to Corporations for the Making of Gas.

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 eleven of chapter one hundred and six
2 of the Public Statutes is hereby amended by add-
3 ing at the end thereof the following:—

4 In any city of over one hundred thousand
5 inhabitants, five or more citizens may associate
6 themselves for the purpose of providing gas for
7 light, heat or power; and the board of aldermen

8 of said city shall have full power and authority,
9 without any right of appeal, as provided for in
10 chapter three hundred and fourteen, section ten,
11 of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-five,
12 to grant to one such company the right to manu-
13 facture, distribute and sell gas, and to locate,
14 sink and repair all the pipes and connections nec-
15 essary for its business. Said company may pur-
16 chase and hold real and personal property for the
17 purposes of its business, and may issue in pay-
18 ment thereof such forms of indebtedness as said
19 company shall from time to time decide upon.
20 These rights and privileges can be only granted
21 by said board of aldermen on the express condi-
22 tion set out in the ordinance itself that no charge
23 for twenty candle-power gas in excess of one
24 dollar per thousand cubic feet shall be made by
25 this company. If gas of a higher candle-power
26 is sold by said company an increased charge may
27 be made not to exceed two cents for each candle-
28 power in excess of twenty candle-power, in which
29 event half the increased charge shall be credited
30 to the said city on the bill rendered to it for gas,
31 and in this event the said city may make a five
32 years' contract with said company for its gas
33 supply. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent
34 with the provisions of this section shall not apply
35 to any company formed under the provisions of
36 this section.

