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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, Feb. 2, 1885.

The Joint Committee on Rules, who were instructed to consider the expediency of amending the laws relative to the presentation of business to the General Court, report in part the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

GEO. A. MARDEN.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

### AN ACT

Relative to Publication and Presentation to the General Court of Certain Petitions.

*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. Whoever intends to present to  
2 the general court a petition specially affecting the  
3 rights of a city, town or fire district, for the in-  
4 corporation of a railroad, street railway, elevated  
5 railroad or canal company, or for the amendment  
6 of the charter of any such company, for authority  
7 to take water for a water supply, or relative to  
8 building structures over navigable or tide water,  
9 shall give notice of such petition by publishing a  
10 copy of the same once a week for three successive  
11 weeks in such newspaper or newspapers as the  
12 secretary of the Commonwealth, having regard to  
13 the locality of the interests involved in such peti-  
14 tion, shall direct, the last publication to be at least

15 fourteen days before the session at which the  
16 petition is to be presented.

1   SECT. 2. Such petitions shall be deposited in  
2 the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth,  
3 with proof of publication satisfactory to him, on or  
4 before the first day of January, and the secretary  
5 shall transmit the same to the general court dur-  
6 ing the first week of the session, with the en-  
7 dorsement in each case that the required publica-  
8 tion has been made.

1   SECT. 3. Sections five, six, seven, eight, nine,  
2 ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen and fourteen of chap-  
3 ter two of the Public Statutes are repealed.

1   SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.





