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[Introduced on leave by Mr. PARKER of Boston]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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AN ACT

To Amend Chapter Three Hundred and Seventy of the Acts of the Year Eighteen Hundred and Ninety-one, relating to the Manufacture and Distribution of Gas and Electricity by Cities and Towns.

*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. Sections two and three of chapter  
2 three hundred and seventy of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-one are hereby  
4 amended to read as follows:—

5 “Section 2. No city shall exercise the authority  
6 conferred in section one until a vote that it is expe-  
7 dient to exercise such authority shall have passed

8 each branch of its city council and thereafter have  
9 been ratified by a majority of the voters present  
10 and voting thereon at an annual municipal  
11 election.”

12 “*Section 3.* No town shall exercise the  
13 authority conferred in section one until a vote that  
14 it is expedient to exercise such authority shall  
15 have been passed by a vote of not less than two  
16 thirds of the voters present and voting at a legal  
17 town meeting duly called for the purpose, or at  
18 the regular annual town meeting; in either case  
19 such vote shall be taken by written or printed  
20 ballot and by the use of the check list.”

1 SECT. 2. Section twelve of said chapter three  
2 hundred and seventy is hereby amended in the  
3 fifteenth and sixteenth lines of said section by  
4 striking out the words “such purchase shall  
5 include both of such plants, but otherwise,” and  
6 in the thirty-second, thirty-third and thirty-fourth  
7 lines of said section twelve, by striking out the  
8 words “the actual earnings being derived from  
9 such use at the time of the final vote of such city  
10 or town to establish a plant,” and by substituting  
11 therefor the words following: “a profit of eight  
12 per centum upon the net value of the plant as  
13 found by the provisions of this chapter, at the  
14 time such plant is taken by the city or town.”

1 SECT. 3. Section eighteen of said chapter  
2 three hundred and seventy is hereby amended in  
3 the sixteenth line thereof by striking out the word

4 “first,” and in the nineteenth and twentieth lines  
5 thereof by striking out the words “after the  
6 passage of the first vote provided for in section  
7 three, or,” and in the twenty-third, twenty-fourth  
8 and twenty-fifth lines thereof by striking out the  
9 words “the second vote provided for by this act  
10 shall fail of passage, or in a city shall fail to  
11 receive the approval of the mayor or,” and by  
12 inserting after the word “ratification,” at the end  
13 of the twenty-fifth line of said section, the words  
14 “or approval,” and by inserting after the word  
15 “act,” in the twenty-sixth line thereof, the words  
16 “shall fail of passage,” and by substituting for the  
17 words “of both votes,” in the thirty-first line  
18 thereof, the words “by the vote,” and by substi-  
19 tuting for the words “both votes,” in line thirty-  
20 two thereof, the words “the vote,” also by  
21 striking out the sentence at the end of said  
22 section eighteen as follows: “the provisions of  
23 this section shall apply, in the case of a city,  
24 whether such revocation shall be made by both  
25 branches of the city government or by either  
26 branch thereof.”

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