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[Bill accompanying the petition of MARTIN M. LOMASNEY. Metropolitan Affairs.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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AN ACT

To authorize the City Council of the City of Boston to examine Witnesses and obtain Information in Certain Cases.

*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. Any head of a department, or other  
2 employee of the city of Boston, may be summoned to  
3 attend and testify as a witness, and to produce books  
4 and papers before the city council of said city, or before  
5 any committee thereof, and such witness shall be ex-  
6 amined in the same manner and be subject to the same  
7 penalties for default as witnesses before police courts.

8 The presiding officer of each branch of said council, and  
9 any member of any such committee, may administer  
10 oaths to witnesses appearing before such council or com-  
11 mittee respectively.

1 SECTION 2. No order or request for information from  
2 any head of a department, made by the city council, or  
3 either branch thereof, shall require the approval of the  
4 mayor of said city.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.





