

HOUSE . . . . . No. 782.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of George W. R. Harriman. Mercantile  
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

Relative to Certain Quasi-public Corporations.

*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. Section twenty-nine of chapter one hun-  
2 dred and twelve of the Public Statutes is hereby amended  
3 by inserting after the word "corporation," in the second  
4 line, the parenthetical clause "(including electric and  
5 other street railway corporations)."

6 Also by adding to said section twenty-nine the sen-  
7 tence: "This section, together with the following sections  
8 thirty and thirty-one, shall apply to manufacturing com-  
9 panies, gas and electric light and power companies and  
10 other quasi-public corporations in so far as they are con-  
11 sistent with the purposes and the prosecution of the

12 business of such corporations," so that said section  
13 twenty-nine as amended will read as follows:—

14 *Section 29.* No petition to the general court for a  
15 charter for a railroad corporation (including electric or  
16 other street railway corporations) shall be acted upon  
17 unless it is accompanied with a plan of the proposed  
18 route on an appropriate scale, and with a profile thereof  
19 on a vertical scale of ten to one as compared with the  
20 horizontal scale; nor unless it is accompanied and sup-  
21 ported by the report of a skilful engineer, founded on  
22 actual examination of the route, and by other proper  
23 evidence showing the character of the soil, the manner  
24 in which it is proposed to construct the road, the general  
25 profile of the surface of the country through which it is  
26 proposed to be made, the feasibility of the route, and an  
27 estimate of the probable expense of construction. This  
28 section, together with the following sections thirty and  
29 thirty-one, shall apply to manufacturing companies, gas  
30 and electric light and power companies and other quasi-  
31 public corporations in so far as they are consistent with  
32 the purposes and the prosecution of the business of such  
33 corporations.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



