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Bill accompanying the petition of G. A. Hibbard, mayor of the city of Boston, for an amendment of the law providing that contracts made by cities shall be open to inspection by the public. Legal Affairs. January 26.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Inspection of Contracts made by Cities.

*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 one of chapter three hundred and  
2 forty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and  
3 seven is hereby amended by adding to said section the  
4 following:— All allowances and additions made to such  
5 contracts of copies thereof shall be filed with the city,  
6 clerk, together with a sworn statement of the officer  
7 making such allowances or additions that the same are  
8 correct and in accordance with the contract,— so that  
9 said section when amended shall read as follows:— *Sec-*  
10 *tion 1.* It shall be the duty of any city officer who makes  
11 or executes a contract on behalf of the city to furnish

12 the said contract or a copy thereof to the city clerk within  
13 one week after its execution; and it shall be the duty of  
14 the city clerk to keep the said contract or copy on file  
15 where it may be inspected by any person during business  
16 hours. Such contracts or copies shall be kept in a book  
17 by themselves or in several books, arranged according  
18 to the subject of the contract, or in other convenient  
19 form, and an index to the subject-matter of the contracts  
20 and to the names of the contractors shall be made semi-  
21 annually, and shall also be open to public inspection in  
22 some convenient form. All allowances and additions  
23 made to such contracts or copies thereof shall be filed  
24 with the city clerk, together with a sworn statement of  
25 the officer making such allowances or additions that the  
26 same are correct and in accordance with the contract.

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