

such changes as may appear to be necessary or desirable. Said commission shall hold hearings and may call upon the commissioner of corporations and taxation, the director of the division of accounts, and other departments, commissions and officers of the commonwealth and of the several counties and municipalities, for such information as may be needed in the course of its investigation. Said commission shall be provided with quarters in the state house or elsewhere, and may expend, after an appropriation has been made, for expert, clerical and other services and expenses such sums, not exceeding in the aggregate five thousand dollars, as may be approved by the governor and council. The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives not later than December first in the current year.

Approved May 14, 1928.

Quarters in state house, expenditure.

Report to general court, etc.

Chap. 49 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES RELATIVE TO THE REGULATION AND SUPERVISION OF GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

Investigation by department of public utilities as to regulation and supervision of gas and electric companies.

Resolved, That the department of public utilities shall investigate ways and means for regulating, in such manner as will be fair alike to the public and to gas and electric companies, their rates, valuations and capital issues, and in connection therewith shall consider the recommendations relative to such companies contained in the inaugural address of his excellency, the governor, printed as senate document number one, and its first recommendation appearing in house document number one hundred and sixty-nine, accompanied by house document number one hundred and seventy, all of the current year. Said department shall hold hearings if in its opinion such hearings will be helpful to it in conducting such investigation. It shall report to the general court the results of its investigation hereunder and its recommendations, if any, on the subject matter hereof, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by including the same as a part of its annual report for the current year.

Approved May 15, 1928.

Hearings.

Report to general court, etc.

Chap. 50 RESOLVE VALIDATING THE ACTS OF DAVID STONEMAN OF BROOKLINE AS A JUSTICE OF THE PEACE.

Acts of David Stoneman as a justice of the peace validated.

Resolved, That the acts of David Stoneman of Brookline as a justice of the peace, between June nineteenth, nineteen hundred and nineteen and April eighteenth, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight, both dates inclusive, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if during that time he had been qualified to discharge the duties of said office.

Approved May 24, 1928.