

HOUSE No. 688.

[Bill accompanying petition of W. B. Hosmer. Manufactures.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Providing for Appeals from certain Decisions of the Board
of Gas and Electric Light Commissioners.

*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 company aggrieved by a decision of
2 the board of gas and electric light commissioners upon
3 an application made by said company under chapter four
4 hundred and fifty of the acts of the year eighteen hun-
5 dred and ninety-four may, within five days after the an-
6 nouncement of said decision, file with said board a written
7 request that said board make special findings of law and
8 fact upon any matters which said company may deem
9 material to said decision, and said board shall make such
10 findings of law and fact and shall file the same in their
11 office within ten days after said request; and said com-
12 pany may thereupon, and within ten days after the filing
13 of such findings, appeal from said decision and said find-

14 ings to the supreme judicial court in the same manner as
15 parties may appeal from rulings, findings or decisions
16 made by the superior court or any justice thereof sitting
17 in equity ; and after such notice to said board as the court
18 may order, the supreme judicial court or any justice
19 thereof may proceed to hear and determine said appeal
20 according to the usual course of equity practice and pro-
21 cedure, and may affirm, annul or modify the decision of
22 said board or direct said board to modify said decision as
23 justice and equity may require. Said court may proceed
24 in the manner of hearings in equity, or may adopt such
25 other method of procedure as the court or any justice
26 thereof may deem to be adapted to the proper hearing
27 and determination of the questions involved, and may
28 issue and enforce such interlocutory or final orders, direc-
29 tions or decrees as the nature of the case may require.

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

