

SENATE No. 310.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 23, 1907.

The committee on Taxation, to whom was referred the report of the joint special committee on Taxation appointed to consider the expediency of legislation in amendment of or in addition to the general laws relating to taxation (House, No. 1090), report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

GEORGE H. GARFIELD.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Bonds and Unfunded Debt of Certain
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. Every corporation which is or may
2 hereafter be required to make returns to the tax
3 commissioner annually between the first and tenth
4 days of May, except domestic business corporations,
5 shall include in such returns a statement of the
6 amount and par and market value as of the first
7 day of May of all bonds issued by such corporation
8 after the passage of this act, together with a state-
9 ment of the amount of the unfunded debt of such
10 corporation incurred after the passage of this act,
11 and of such analysis as the tax commissioner may
12 require of the purposes for which said unfunded
13 debt has been incurred.

1 SECTION 2. In determining for the purpose of
2 taxation the value of the corporate franchise of
3 every railroad, electric railroad, street railway,

4 telegraph or telephone corporation, of every cor-
5 poration operating any system of transportation
6 or communication through, in, over or under any
7 public way or place by means of pneumatic tubes,
8 and of every corporation engaged in supplying
9 water, gas or electric current, the tax commissioner
10 shall take into consideration, in the same way and
11 to the same extent as he now considers the capital
12 stock of such corporation, the bonds and that part
13 of the unfunded debt that he may determine has
14 been incurred for the purposes of construction, or
15 of permanent equipment or improvement, as re-
16 ferred to in section one of this act.

1 SECTION 3. Such bonds and other evidences of
2 indebtedness, incurred for the purposes specified
3 in the preceding section, as are issued after the
4 passage of this act by any corporation mentioned
5 in said preceding section, shall be exempt from tax-
6 ation for state, county, city or town purposes. Such
7 bonds and evidences of indebtedness shall state on
8 their face that they are exempt from taxation in
9 Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

