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HOUSE . . . . . No. 3142

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

F. Jay Barrows

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to municipal light plants.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*	*1/18/2023*
Adam J. Scanlon	*14th Bristol*	*1/18/2023*
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*1/18/2023*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*1/19/2023*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*1/19/2023*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*	*1/19/2023*
Joan Meschino	*3rd Plymouth*	*1/19/2023*
Paul W. Mark	*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire*	*1/24/2023*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*1/24/2023*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*1/24/2023*
Kelly W. Pease	*4th Hampden*	*1/25/2023*
John H. Rogers	*12th Norfolk*	*1/31/2023*
Edward R. Philips	*8th Norfolk*	*2/9/2023*
Kathleen R. LaNatra	*12th Plymouth*	*2/10/2023*
Jacob R. Oliveira	*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*	*2/10/2023*
Adrianne Pusateri Ramos	*14th Essex*	*2/10/2023*
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*	*2/14/2023*

Paul R. Feeney	*Bristol and Norfolk*	*2/14/2023*
Patricia A. Haddad	*5th Bristol*	*2/16/2023*
Simon Cataldo	*14th Middlesex*	*2/24/2023*
Jennifer Balinsky Armini	*8th Essex*	*2/26/2023*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*	*2/28/2023*
Shirley B. Arriaga	*8th Hampden*	*2/28/2023*
Jonathan D. Zlotnik	*2nd Worcester*	*3/1/2023*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*3/17/2023*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	*3/28/2023*
Robyn K. Kennedy	*First Worcester*	*4/3/2023*
John C. Velis	*Hampden and Hampshire*	*4/6/2023*

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By Representative Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3142) of F. Jay Barrows and others relative to municipal light plants. Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3257* OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act relative to municipal light plants.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4A of Chapter40 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting in line 8 after the word “selectmen” the words “, and ”

SECTION 2. Said section of said chapter is hereby further amended by adding in line 9 after the word “committee” the following words: , in a municipal light plant by the board or commission;

SECTION 3. Said section of said chapter is further amended by deleting in line 28 the word “or”

SECTION 4. Said section of said chapter is further amended by deleting in line 29 "." and by adding the following words: , or a municipal light plant established under chapter 164 or by special law.

Section 4. Section 47B of Chapter 164 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding subsection 47b as follows:

(b) Any municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide services and assistance to any municipal or state utility, tribal utility as defined in 25 CFR § 169.2, or any other publicly-owned or operated utility, whether located inside or outside of the Commonwealth, and governmental units as defined in section 4A of chapter 40, to construct, install, alter, operate, maintain or repair utility poles and conduit, wires, cables, and equipment, and streetlights and traffic signals to the same extent such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may provide such services within its service territory. Any such municipality acting by and through its municipal light board may sell, rent, or lease merchandise, equipment, fixtures, utensils and chattels of any description related to the provision of such services. Any employee providing such services entered into between the municipality acting by and through its municipal light board and such other public entity shall be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-two, sections one to twenty-eight, inclusive, and shall have the same rights and privileges thereunder, as if performing the same duties within the scope of his employment including voluntary assignments.