

HOUSE No. 2705

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 establishing a municipal light commission in the city known as the town of Greenfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2705) of Paul W. Mark, Carlos Gonzalez and John H. Rogers (with the approval of the mayor and town council) for legislation to establish a municipal light commission in the town of Greenfield . Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing a municipal light commission in the city known as the town of Greenfield.

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

1 That it be ordered that the City of Greenfield forthwith seek and obtain special municipal
2 legislation, pursuant to the requirements of applicable law, for the creation of a Municipal Light
3 Commission subject to the provisions of MGL C.164, Sections 56A-56E with said commission
4 to consist of 5 citizens of the city who shall not hold other public office therein. The commission
5 shall select one of its members as the chair by majority vote of the members at a meeting duly
6 called for that purpose. The commission shall have and exercise the powers and be subject to the
7 duties relative to the municipal light plant of the City (the Greenfield Community Energy and
8 Technology Company or GCET) which are now conferred or imposed by law upon the Mayor of
9 Greenfield such as, but not limited to, the power to appoint the manager of the GCET who shall
10 be under the Commission's direction and control. The Mayor shall appoint the members of the
11 Commission, with approval by town council, who shall serve staggered 5-year terms. Any

- 12 vacancy of a regular member of the commission shall be filled by appointment of a new member
- 13 by the Mayor, with town council approval.