

SENATE No. 527

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, June 23, 1936.

The committee on Conservation, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 527) of the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association, by Harris A. Reynolds, secretary, for legislation relative to the purchase and development of State forests; report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

SAMUEL H. WRAGG.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Six.

An Act relative to the Purchase and Development of State
Forests.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the im-
4 mediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section thirty-three of chapter one
2 hundred and thirty-two of the General Laws, as most
3 recently amended by chapter three hundred and
4 seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and
5 thirty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out,
6 in the sixth line, the word "one" and inserting in place
7 thereof the word: — six, — and by striking out, in the
8 eighth line, the word "thirty-six" and inserting in
9 place thereof the word: — fifty-six, — so as to read as
10 follows: — *Section 33.* In addition to lands acquired
11 under section thirty the commissioner may purchase
12 or, with the approval of the governor and council, take
13 by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine and
14 hold for state forests lands within the commonwealth
15 suitable for the production of timber to the extent of
16 not more than six hundred and fifty thousand acres.

17 The land shall be purchased before August fifth, nine-
18 teen hundred and fifty-six, at a rate not exceeding an
19 average cost of five dollars per acre or at such price as
20 the general court may from time to time determine.
21 The forester shall reclaim the said lands by replanting
22 or otherwise in order to produce timber and to protect
23 the water supply of the commonwealth. The forester
24 may employ temporarily such persons as foresters,
25 assistant foresters, engineers, surveyors, forest fire
26 observers and foremen as he deems necessary to assist
27 him in carrying out his duties under this section, and
28 the employment of such persons shall not be subject
29 to chapter thirty-one.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter one hundred and thirty-
2 two is hereby further amended by striking out section
3 thirty-six, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition,
4 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

5 *Section 36.* To meet the expenditures authorized
6 by sections thirty-three to thirty-five, inclusive, the
7 said department may expend between August fifth,
8 nineteen hundred and thirty-six and August fifth,
9 nineteen hundred and fifty-six, such sums not exceed-
10 ing two million, five hundred thousand dollars as the
11 general court may from time to time appropriate.

1 SECTION 3. This act is hereby declared to be
2 enacted in place of the proposed law accompanying
3 the initiative petition transmitted by the secretary of
4 the commonwealth to the general court on the thirty-
5 first day of December, nineteen hundred and thirty-
6 five, and printed as current house document numbered
7 three hundred and three, and shall take effect on the
8 day following the first Wednesday in August of the

9 current year; provided, that if the said initiative peti-
10 tion is completed, as provided by the constitution, by
11 filing the required number of signatures not earlier
12 than the first Wednesday in July of the current year
13 nor later than said first Wednesday in August, this act
14 shall be void.