

HOUSE No. 1550

Bill accompanying the petition of the mayor of the city of Boston relative to the apportionment of the annual assessments required for the construction and maintenance of the metropolitan water system. Metropolitan Affairs. January 21.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Apportionment of the Annual Assessments required for the Construction and Maintenance of the Metropolitan Water System.

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. The treasurer of the commonwealth, for
2 the purpose of making the apportionment to the cities
3 and towns in the metropolitan water district of the
4 amount required in each year to pay the interest, sink-
5 ing fund requirements and expenses of maintenance and
6 operation of the metropolitan water system provided for
7 by section nineteen of chapter four hundred and eighty-
8 eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and
9 ninety-five, as amended by chapter four hundred and
10 eighty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and

11 one, shall, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, and
12 in each year thereafter, apportion such amount to the
13 cities and towns in said district in proportion to the con-
14 sumption by the cities and towns, respectively, in the
15 preceding year, of water received from all sources of
16 supply as determined by the metropolitan water and
17 sewerage board, and certified to said treasurer: *pro-*
18 *vided, however,* that nothing in this act shall affect the
19 present method of apportionment to any city or town
20 which has not reached the safe capacity of its present
21 sources of supply or of the sources of supply of the water
22 company by which it is supplied; and *provided, further,*
23 that any city or town assessed upon consumption which
24 obtains a water supply from its own works or receives a
25 supply from a water company shall be allowed and
26 credited in its apportionment with a sum equal to twelve
27 dollars for each million gallons of water furnished as
28 aforesaid as determined by said board and certified to
29 said treasurer. Said treasurer shall annually notify each
30 city and town of the amount of its assessment and the
31 same shall be paid by the city or town into the treasury
32 of the commonwealth at the time required for the pay-
33 ment of and as a part of its state tax.

1 SECTION 2. So much of chapter four hundred and
2 fifty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and
3 six as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.