

SENATE.... No. 80.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

IN SENATE, March 6, 1868.

The Committee on Towns, to whom was recommitted the Report, (leave to withdraw,) on the petition of Daniel Stratton and others, citizens of the south-easterly part of the town of Bolton, asking to be annexed to the town of Hudson, report the accompanying Bill.

Per order,

H. FULLER, *Chairman.*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty-Eight.

AN ACT

To annex a part of the Town of Bolton to the Town of Hudson.

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

1 SECT. 1. The boundary line between the town of
2 Bolton in the county of Worcester, and the town of
3 Hudson in the county of Middlesex, is hereby altered
4 and established as follows, to wit:—Beginning at a
5 stone monument on the present boundary line between
6 the counties of Worcester and Middlesex at the south-
7 westerly corner of the town of Stow, and at the
8 northerly corner of the town of Hudson; thence
9 running south eighty-six degrees west, four hun-
10 dred thirty-eight and twenty-one hundredths rods,
11 to a stone monument at an angle; thence south
12 sixty-six and one-half degrees west, three hundred

13 and forty-six rods to the present dividing line between
14 the said town of Bolton and the town of Berlin in
15 the county of Worcester; thence south fifty and
16 one-fourth degrees east, four hundred and forty-seven
17 rods along the said dividing line between Bolton and
18 Berlin to the present line of the town of Hudson;
19 and all that portion of land, with the inhabitants
20 thereon, easterly and south-easterly of the line hereby
21 established, is hereby set off from said town of Bolton
22 and annexed to and made a part of said town of
23 Hudson in the county of Middlesex; and the line
24 between the aforesaid termini, separating said coun-
25 ties of Worcester and Middlesex, is hereby altered
26 and established as herein specified: *provided, however,*
27 that the several courts, civil and criminal, in and for
28 said county of Worcester, shall have full authority
29 to hear, determine, render judgment, issue execution,
30 enforce and complete all suits, processes and matters
31 arising on the territory so transferred, pending before
32 any of said courts at the time this act shall take
33 effect, the same as if this act had not been passed;
34 and all crimes committed on said territory before the
35 passage of this act, in which proceedings have not
36 been commenced at the time of its passage, shall be
37 prosecuted and punished in said county of Worcester
38 in the same manner as if this act had not been
39 passed.

1 SECT. 2. The selectmen of said town of Hudson
2 shall procure, at the expense of said town of Hudson,
3 and cause to be erected at the angles of and at the
4 points where the line, as herein altered and estab-
5 lished between said town of Bolton in the county of

6 Worcester and said town of Hudson in the county of
7 Middlesex crosses the several roads or highways, good
8 and sufficient stone monuments, lettered as the law
9 provides; and said selectmen shall also cause suitable
10 monuments to be maintained and continued, showing
11 the line between said town of Bolton and said town
12 of Hudson, as they have hitherto existed, and shall
13 cause said line to be perambulated in like manner
14 and with the like penalties for neglect, as now by law
15 is or are provided in respect to other boundary lines
16 of cities and towns, until the next apportionment of
17 senators and representatives in pursuance of the
18 twenty-first and twenty-second articles of amendment
19 of the constitution; such penalties to be recovered
20 against the said town of Hudson.

1 SECT. 3. The said territory hereby transferred to
2 said town of Hudson, with the inhabitants thereon,
3 shall, for the purpose of electing senators, continue
4 to be and remain a part of the said town of Bolton;
5 and all the inhabitants residing upon the territory so
6 transferred, shall, until otherwise provided for by and
7 under the constitution, always enjoy in relation to the
8 election of senators all the rights and privileges of
9 and in relation to voting in the said town of Bolton,
10 which they would have possessed if this act had not
11 been passed. And the said territory hereby trans-
12 fered to said town of Hudson, with the inhabitants
13 thereon, shall also remain part of said town of Bolton
14 for the purpose of electing the representatives to the
15 general court to which the district of which said town
16 of Bolton forms a part is entitled, and for the purpose
17 of electing state and county officers, representative to

18 congress and electors of president and vice-president
19 of the United States, as said town of Bolton shall
20 vote for the said officers, until the next decennial
21 census, or until another apportionment be made
22 in pursuance of the provisions of the constitution;
23 and the selectmen of said town of Hudson shall make
24 a true list of all persons within the limits of that part
25 of Bolton hereby annexed to said town of Hudson,
26 qualified to vote at any such election, and shall post
27 up the same in said town of Hudson, and shall cor-
28 rect the same as required by law, and keep said list
29 so posted up in said town of Hudson until ten days
30 prior to any election in which said list is required to
31 be used, and shall then deliver a true copy of said list
32 to the selectmen of said town of Bolton seven days at
33 least before such election. And the selectmen of the
34 said town of Bolton shall, after receiving said list,
35 post up, revise and correct the same, in the same
36 manner as they revise the list of the voters of said
37 town, and shall use said list at said elections with the
38 general list of the voters of said town.

1 SECT. 4. The inhabitants of said territory, hereby
2 annexed to said town of Hudson, shall be holden to
3 pay all arrears of taxes which have been legally
4 assessed upon them by said town of Bolton, and all
5 taxes, heretofore assessed and not collected, shall be
6 collected and paid to the treasurer of the town of
7 Bolton, in the same manner as if this act had not
8 been passed. The said town of Hudson shall pay to
9 said town of Bolton, annually, in the month of
10 November, one-fourth part of all state and county
11 taxes that may be assessed in said year upon said

12 town of Bolton previous to the next state valuation ;
13 and if the same are not paid in the said month of
14 November in any year, the said town of Bolton may
15 maintain an action therefor against the said town of
16 Hudson.

1 SECT. 5. Said town of Hudson shall be liable for
2 the support of all persons who now do, or shall
3 hereafter, stand in need of relief, as paupers, whose
4 settlement was gained by, or derived from, a settle-
5 ment gained or derived within the limits of that part
6 of said town of Bolton hereby annexed to said town
7 of Hudson. And the said town of Hudson shall
8 also pay to the said town of Bolton, from time to time,
9 as the expenses may be incurred by the said town of
10 Bolton, one-fourth part of all moneys, expended by
11 the said town of Bolton for the support or relief of
12 any pauper or paupers who have gained a settlement
13 in the said town of Bolton under and by virtue of the
14 provisions of chapter two hundred and thirty of the
15 acts of the legislature of Massachusetts, in the
16 year of our Lord eighteen hundred and sixty-five,
17 and all acts now passed or that may hereafter be
18 passed in addition or supplementary thereto : and if
19 the said town of Hudson shall, upon the demand of
20 the said town of Bolton therefor, refuse or for the
21 space of ten days neglect to pay the same, the said
22 town of Bolton may maintain an action therefor
23 against the said town of Hudson.

1 SECT. 6. The said town of Hudson shall pay to
2 the said town of Bolton, within three months from
3 the passage of this act, the sum of ten thousand dol-
4 lars, with interest thereon, from the twentieth day of

5 February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred
6 and sixty-eight.

1 SECT. 7. The said town of Bolton shall, upon the
2 request of the said town of Hudson, convey to the
3 said town of Hudson, by a good and sufficient deed,
4 the land of the said town of Bolton, with the school-
5 house thereon and the appurtenances thereto belong-
6 ing, situated within the territory, by this act annexed
7 to the said town of Hudson; and the said town of
8 Hudson shall receive no other part of the corporate
9 property, and shall not be liable to pay any part of
10 the debt of the said town of Bolton.

1 SECT. 8. The said town of Hudson may assess
2 upon its inhabitants, from time to time, such sums of
3 money as the said town shall pay to the said town of
4 Bolton, under the provisions of this act.

1 SECT. 9. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

