

HOUSE No. 1278

By Mr. Lawless of Worcester, petition of John J. Lawless and others (with the approval of the city manager and the city council) relative to the extension of time of payment of betterment and sewer assessments upon land of recipients of old age assistance and others in the city of Worcester. Cities.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXTENSION OF TIME OF PAYMENT OF BETTERMENT AND SEWER ASSESSMENTS UPON LAND OF RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE AND OTHERS IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER.

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 city council of the city of Worcester
2 may extend the time of payment of assessments made
3 under General Laws, chapter eighty, upon land owned
4 by recipients of old age assistance or persons incapable
5 of paying the assessments for a fixed period of time, not
6 exceeding five years, or until the death of the recipient
7 or person, or until the alienation of said land, whichever
8 event first occurs. Interest upon said assessments shall
9 accrue at the rate of four per cent per annum but shall
10 not be due and payable until the assessment becomes
11 due and payable. At the end of the fixed period of time
12 if death or alienation has not occurred, the time may be
13 further extended for another fixed period of time, not
14 exceeding five years, or until the death of the recipient
15 or person, or alienation of said land, whichever event
16 first occurs. Assessments, the payment of which are
17 extended hereunder together with interest thereon, shall

18 constitute a lien upon the land assessed in the same man-
19 ner and to the same extent as if the time of payment had
20 been extended under General Laws, chapter eighty, sec-
21 tion thirteen A.

1 SECTION 2. The city council of the city of Worcester
2 may extend the time of payment of assessments made
3 under chapter one hundred and six of the acts of eighteen
4 hundred and sixty-seven, as amended, upon recipients of
5 old age assistance or upon persons incapable of paying
6 the assessments for a fixed period of time, not exceeding
7 five years, or until the death of the recipient or person,
8 or until the alienation of the real estate in question
9 whichever event first occurs. Interest upon said assess-
10 ments shall accrue at the rate of four and one half per
11 cent per annum but shall not be due and payable until
12 the assessment becomes due and payable. At the end
13 of the fixed period of time, if death or alienation has not
14 occurred, the time may be further extended for another
15 fixed period of time, not exceeding five years, or until
16 the death of the recipient or person, or until alienation
17 of said real estate, whichever event first occurs. Assess-
18 ments, the payment of which are extended hereunder,
19 together with interest thereon, shall constitute a lien
20 upon said real estate in the same manner and to the
21 same extent as if the time of payment had been extended
22 under section three of chapter two hundred and eighty-
23 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.