

SENATE No. 54

To accompany the petition of Forest V. Z. Smith, mayor of the city of Haverhill, that said city be authorized to establish and maintain a public hospital and to acquire the Hale Hospital property for such purpose. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act authorizing the City of Haverhill to establish and maintain a Public Hospital and to acquire the Hale Hospital Property for Such Purpose.

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 of Haverhill may establish
2 and maintain a public hospital for the use of the in-
3 habitants of said city, and others admitted thereto,
4 who may require medical or surgical treatment, and
5 may appropriate money for the establishment and
6 maintenance of said hospital and for necessary ex-
7 penditures by way of discharging obligations in-
8 curred by said city under section three.

1 SECTION 2. The management of the hospital
2 established under section one shall be vested in a
3 board of five trustees, to consist of the mayor and
4 the commissioner of health and charities of said

5 city, ex officiis, and three citizens of said city to be
6 appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by
7 the city council. The initial appointive members
8 shall serve for one, two and three years, as the
9 mayor may designate, and until the confirmation
10 and qualification of their successors. Upon the
11 expiration of the term of office of such a member
12 the mayor shall, in like manner, appoint his suc-
13 cessor for the term of three years. The mayor may,
14 subject to confirmation as aforesaid, fill any vacancy
15 for the unexpired term. No appointive member of
16 said board shall be a physician.

1 SECTION 3. The said city is hereby authorized
2 to accept the transfer and conveyance of all the
3 property, real and personal, of the Hale hospital
4 from the trustees thereof, including all the accounts
5 receivable, free funds and securities of said hospital,
6 in consideration of the assumption and payment
7 by said city of all the indebtedness of said hospital
8 outstanding on the date of transfer. Said city is
9 also authorized to receive from said trustees and to
10 administer, through the board of trustees appointed
11 under section two, the trust funds and other property
12 of said hospital in accordance with the terms and
13 conditions governing the administration thereof, on
14 the condition that such transfer and management
15 are authorized by a decree of the supreme judicial
16 court of the commonwealth and in accordance with
17 the conditions and terms of said decree. The man-
18 agement and control of all property received under
19 this section shall be vested by said city in said
20 board of trustees.

1 SECTION 4. For the purpose of providing funds
2 for meeting any obligation assumed by the said
3 city under section three, said city may borrow from
4 time to time, within a period of five years from the
5 passage of this act, such sums as may be necessary,
6 not exceeding in the aggregate one hundred thou-
7 sand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor,
8 which shall bear on their face the words, Haverhill
9 Hospital Loan, Act of 1931. Each authorized issue
10 shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall
11 be paid in not more than fifteen years from their
12 dates, but no issue shall be authorized under this
13 act unless a sum equal to an amount not less than
14 ten per cent of such authorized issue is voted for
15 the same purpose to be raised by the tax levy of
16 the year when authorized. Indebtedness incurred
17 under this act shall be in excess of the statutory
18 limit and shall, except as herein provided, be subject
19 to the provisions of chapter forty-four of the Gen-
20 eral Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in
21 the first paragraph of section seven thereof, as re-
22 vised by chapter three hundred twenty-four of the
23 acts of nineteen hundred twenty-eight.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

