

SENATE No. 358

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, February 11, 1931.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 24) of Albert W. Bullock that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized to take dams and other structures and regulate the flow of water in Charles River for the promotion of public health and convenience; and the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 389) of Albert W. Bullock that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized to regulate the flow of the Charles River in and above the city of Waltham, report the accompanying Resolve (Senate, No. 358).

For the committee,

ARTHUR W. HOLLIS.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve providing for an Investigation relative to Improving the Condition of the Charles River in the Cities of Waltham and Newton and the Towns of Weston and Watertown.

1 *Resolved*, That the metropolitan district com-
2 mission and the state department of public
3 health acting as a joint board are hereby author-
4 ized and directed to investigate the conditions
5 affecting the flow of water in Charles river in
6 that portion of its course lying between Charles
7 River village and the head of the Charles River
8 basin at Watertown and the amounts of water
9 withdrawn or diverted therefrom to determine
10 whether and to what extent the public health,
11 comfort and convenience are affected by the
12 diversion of water from said river and its water-
13 shed and by present methods and practices of
14 holding, drawing, using and diverting the water
15 at the various dams within the limits mentioned
16 herein, and to recommend methods for removing
17 any objectionable conditions that may be found
18 to exist, especially in the section of the river
19 within the limits of Weston, Newton, Waltham
20 and Watertown. The said board may employ
21 such engineering and other assistants as it may
22 deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this
23 resolve and may, subject to the approval of the

24 governor's council, fix the compensation of
25 such assistants. Offices and positions created
26 under authority of this resolve shall not be sub-
27 ject to classification under sections forty-five to
28 fifty, inclusive, of chapter thirty of the General
29 Laws, nor shall chapter thirty-one of the General
30 Laws nor the rules and regulations made there-
31 under apply to such assistants; but upon the
32 request of said board the division of civil service
33 shall hold special examinations for candidates
34 for such offices and positions.

35 Said board may expend for the purposes of
36 this resolve such sum not exceeding in the aggre-
37 gate seven thousand five hundred dollars as may
38 be appropriated by the general court, the same
39 to be assessed back upon the cities and towns in
40 the metropolitan parks district in proportion to
41 their respective taxable valuations as defined in
42 section fifty-nine of chapter ninety-two of the
43 General Laws.

44 Said board shall report to the general court
45 the results of its several investigations, including
46 plans, recommendations and estimates of the
47 cost of any works or improvements that it may
48 recommend, together with drafts of legislation to
49 carry such recommendations into effect by filing
50 the same with the clerk of the house of representa-
51 tives on or before the first Wednesday in Decem-
52 ber in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-one
53 and shall at the same time file a copy of said
54 report with the budget commissioner.

