

HOUSE No. 356

By Mr. Estabrook of Haverhill, petition of Daniel S. Smith and others that the Department of Public Works construct a state highway along the Merrimack River in Salisbury, Amesbury, Merrimac and Haverhill. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act providing for the Laying Out and Construction of a State Highway in the City of Haverhill and in the Towns of Merrimac, Amesbury and Salisbury along the Merrimack River.

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 department of public works,
2 hereinafter called the department, is hereby author-
3 ized and directed to lay out and construct the four
4 following sections of a state highway under the pro-
5 visions of chapter eighty-one of the General Laws,
6 as follows: —

7 Beginning at the present state highway in Salis-
8 bury Beach square in the town of Salisbury, thence
9 southerly to a point in the vicinity of Black Rocks
10 creek, hereinafter referred to as section number one;
11 thence over the marshes to Powow River bridge in
12 the town of Amesbury, hereinafter referred to as
13 section number two; thence following as near as

14 practicable the northerly shore of the Merrimack
15 river in the towns of Amesbury and Merrimac and
16 the city of Haverhill to Rocks bridge so called in
17 said city of Haverhill, hereinafter referred to as sec-
18 tion number three; thence over public and private
19 lands to a point in said city of Haverhill at or near
20 the northerly end of the bridge crossing the Merri-
21 mack river to Groveland, hereinafter referred to as
22 section number four. The crossing of said new
23 state highway over the tracks of the Boston and
24 Maine railroad and with the existing state highway
25 in the town of Salisbury leading northerly from the
26 Newburyport bridge shall in both instances be by
27 means of an overpass.

1 SECTION 2. The construction of sections number
2 one and number two shall be done during the year
3 nineteen hundred and thirty-one, of section number
4 three during the year nineteen hundred and thirty-
5 two and of section number four during the year
6 nineteen hundred and thirty-three.

1 SECTION 3. The department shall proceed, under
2 chapter eighty-one of the General Laws, to acquire
3 by eminent domain, under chapter seventy-nine of
4 the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or other-
5 wise, such public or private lands, public parks or
6 reservations, or parts thereof or rights therein, and
7 public ways, as it may deem necessary for carrying
8 out the provisions of this act, and shall acquire
9 where advisable such areas as lie between the pro-
10 posed highway and the river; provided, that no dam-
11 ages shall be paid for any public lands or parks so
12 taken.

1 SECTION 4. So much of the cost of the work au-
 2 thorized by this act as represents the cost of land
 3 takings for the same, including any damages paid
 4 on account of any taking of land or property there-
 5 for, or any injury to the same, and any sums paid
 6 for lands or rights purchased, shall be paid by the
 7 municipality wherein such land is situated. The
 8 balance of the cost of said work shall be paid by
 9 the commonwealth from such appropriations as may
 10 hereafter be made from the highway fund, not ex-
 11 ceeding the following amounts for the respective sec-
 12 tions of said proposed highway:

13	Section No. 1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	Section No. 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	Section No. 3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Section No. 4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

