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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, April 16, 1936.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I beg to submit herewith communication and bill as recommended by the Chairman of the Metropolitan District Commission, the purpose of which is the amending of Chapter 478, Section 1, of the Acts of 1935, so that the entire sum of \$3,000,000 already allocated may be utilized for the North Metropolitan District Sewer, and I accordingly respectfully recommend early and favorable action by your honorable body upon the same.

JAMES M. CURLEY.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION,  
20 SOMERSET STREET, BOSTON, April 14, 1936.

His Excellency JAMES M. CURLEY, *Governor, State House, Boston, Mass.*

SIR:— Relative to the P. W. A. sewer project now under construction in North Metropolitan District, compilation of the bids for the first six sections, plus the engineer's estimate of the 7th section totals approximately \$1,800,000. An estimate of 25% which includes engineering expenses of this office, consulting engineers, testing engineers, land damages, street repairs, and all other incidentals amounting to \$450,000 brings the contemplated cost of the project up to this time up to \$2,250,000.

The money allocated for this project was \$3,000,000, of which not more than \$1,800,000 shall ultimately be borne by the Commonwealth. The \$3,000,000 estimate was based on preliminary surveys and included a margin of safety anticipating a P. W. A. grant. In the period of time between the passage of the Act of 1935 authorizing the project, and the opening of the bids for the first section, further study resulted in a change of location that took us away from the main thoroughfares of Medford and made possible the location adjacent to the Mystic River in Commonwealth land on which site the project is now being constructed. This change of location gave us a saving of approximately \$500,000.

Whereas the change in location affected this saving and whereas it will ultimately be necessary to continue the project to the outlet at Deer Island, and because of the fact that the \$3,000,000 has already been allocated it is my opinion that we should have the Chapter 478, Section 1, of the Acts of 1935, amended so that we might use up the \$3,000,000. To this end I am submitting as a proposal what in my opinion would be a basis for enabling legislation. To go beyond the limits of the Act, this legislation

is necessary according to the Office of the Attorney-General. The additional work contemplated by this legislation could be made ready for advertising at a very early date, and could be completed in November at the date set for the final completion of the entire project.

Yours respectfully,

E. C. HULTMAN,  
*Commissioner.*

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the Construction of Metropolitan District Sewers in the Cities and Towns of Medford, Winchester, Woburn and Stoneham.

1    *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would  
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-  
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
4 immediate preservation of the public health and  
5 convenience.

*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 one of chapter four hundred and seventy-  
2 eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-five  
3 is hereby amended by striking out the words "near  
4 the Stoneham, Winchester and Woburn boundary  
5 lines" and substituting therefor the words:— in  
6 Stoneham as said commission may deem best,—  
7 and by striking out the words "of connection with  
8 the North Metropolitan sewerage system" and sub-  
9 stituting the words:— below Craddock Dam,— so  
10 as to read:— *Section 1.* Subject to the conditions  
11 hereinafter imposed, the metropolitan district com-  
12 mission is hereby authorized and directed to construct  
13 a main sewer or sewers, with sewer connections and  
14 other works, in the valleys of Aberjona and Mystic

15 rivers, and through other territory in the towns and  
16 cities of Stoneham, Woburn, Winchester and Med-  
17 ford from a point in Stoneham as said commission  
18 may deem best to such a point below Craddock Dam  
19 as said commission may deem best, and, for such  
20 purposes, may exercise all the powers conferred upon  
21 it by chapter ninety-two of the General Laws relative  
22 to the construction, maintenance and operation of  
23 systems of sewage disposal. For the purpose of carry-  
24 ing out said project, including any expenditures on  
25 account of the purchase or taking of land, or damages  
26 to land occasioned by the construction hereinbefore  
27 provided for, the said commission may expend a sum  
28 not exceeding, in the aggregate, three million dol-  
29 lars of which not more than one million, eight hun-  
30 dred thousand dollars shall ultimately be borne by  
31 the commonwealth, to be entered into only on the  
32 basis of grants of federal money.





