

HOUSE No. 1142

Bill accompanying the petition of Sylvester Baxter and others that the State House Building Commission be authorized to complete the State House Grounds. State House and Libraries. January 18.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixteen.

AN ACT

To provide for Completing the Improvement of the Grounds
of the State House.

*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. For the purpose of enlarging the grounds
2 adjoining the state house on the west, the state house
3 building commission, established under the provisions of
4 chapter eight hundred and thirty of the acts of the year
5 nineteen hundred and thirteen, shall purchase or take in
6 fee simple, in behalf of the commonwealth, subject to the
7 approval of the governor and council, the property
8 adjoining the state house grounds on the south and west,
9 and bounded by Beacon street, Joy street, Mount
10 Vernon street and the state house grounds from Mount
11 Vernon street to the point of beginning on Beacon street
12 at Hancock avenue; and the provisions of chapter two

13 hundred and sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen
14 hundred and eighty-two, relating to the manner of
15 taking and the estimation and payment of damages, shall
16 apply to the taking under this section.

17 The said commission shall cause to be removed all the
18 buildings now standing on said property, and may lay
19 out by change of grade or otherwise, any part of the land
20 so taken or adjoining land of the commonwealth as may
21 be required for the purposes of this act. It may con-
22 struct new approaches from any adjacent public streets
23 and may build retaining walls and fences, and may do
24 whatever else may be necessary to carry out the purposes
25 of this act.

1 SECTION 2. The said commission is hereby authorized
2 to make on behalf of the commonwealth all contracts for
3 the doing of said work: *provided*, that all work shall be
4 done by express contract and that proposals for work or
5 material exceeding two thousand dollars in value shall be
6 advertised for in at least two daily papers published in
7 the city of Boston, and one each in the cities of Worces-
8 ter, Springfield, Fall River, Lowell and Lawrence. All
9 contracts shall be approved by the governor and council.
10 The work of removal of the old buildings and the doing
11 of the work herein provided for shall begin as soon as
12 possible after the passage of this act.

1 SECTION 3. In order to defray the expenses which
2 may be incurred in carrying out the provisions of this act,
3 the treasurer and receiver general is hereby authorized to
4 issue, in the name and behalf of the commonwealth,
5 bonds or scrip to an amount not exceeding one million
6 seven hundred thousand dollars. The said bonds or scrip
7 shall be issued upon the serial payment plan from time to

8 time as may be necessary, in such amounts and upon such
9 terms, and shall be payable serially in such amounts and
10 at such times, within a period not exceeding fifty years,
11 as shall be determined by the treasurer and receiver
12 general, with the approval of the governor and council,
13 to be for the best interests of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

