

SENATE No. 10

To accompany the petition of John P. Brennan that the expense of construction and maintenance of bridges between the cities of Boston and Cambridge be shared by cities and towns surrounding Cambridge. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To provide that the Expenses of Construction and Maintenance of Bridges between the Cities of Cambridge and Boston shall be shared by Other Cities and Towns surrounding Cambridge.

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 cities of Boston and Cambridge
2 shall construct and maintain bridges across the
3 Charles river, and shall pay for the cost of such
4 construction and maintenance in the manner and
5 form heretofore provided by statute.

1 SECTION 2. A part of all moneys paid by the city
2 of Cambridge for the construction of any bridge
3 or bridges hereafter constructed across the Charles

4 river between the cities of Boston and Cambridge,
5 and a part of all moneys paid by the city of Cam-
6 bridge for the maintenance of bridges heretofore
7 constructed and hereafter to be constructed across
8 the Charles river between the cities of Boston and
9 Cambridge, shall be repaid to said city of Cam-
10 bridge by the following cities and towns in the
11 county of Middlesex other than the city of Cam-
12 bridge, to wit:—Arlington, Belmont, Lexington,
13 Lincoln, Newton, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown,
14 Wayland, Weston, Winchester and Woburn, to be
15 apportioned as hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 3. The supreme judicial court, or any
2 justice thereof, sitting in equity for either of the
3 counties of Middlesex or Suffolk, shall, after the ex-
4 piration of two years from the passage of this act,
5 and once in every five years thereafter, upon the
6 written application of the mayor of Cambridge, and
7 after notice to all parties interested, appoint three
8 disinterested persons, not residents of the county
9 of Middlesex, who shall have the power to compel
10 the attendance of witnesses, and who shall, after
11 notice to and hearing of the parties interested, de-
12 termine what amounts of the moneys paid by the
13 city of Cambridge under the provisions of law for
14 the construction and maintenance of said bridges to
15 the first day of January next preceding the date of
16 filing such application, shall be repaid to the said
17 city of Cambridge by said cities and towns in said
18 county named in section two of this act, as said com-
19 missioners shall determine to be specially benefited,
20 if any, by said bridges. Said commissioners shall
21 return their determination into said court, and the

22 decree of the court confirming such determination
23 shall be final and binding, and upon such confirma-
24 tion said cities and towns determined by said com-
25 missioners to be so benefited, shall pay to the said
26 city of Cambridge the amounts determined for them
27 respectively.

1 SECTION 4. The supreme judicial court, or any
2 justice thereof, sitting in equity for either of the
3 counties of Middlesex or Suffolk, shall, in term time
4 or vacation, on the petition of any city, corporation,
5 person or persons interested, have jurisdiction in
6 equity to enforce and to prevent any violations of
7 the provisions of this act.

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

