

# SENATE . . . . No. 62

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To accompany the petition of Daniel A. Martin for a more equitable distribution of the cost of a bridge authorized to be constructed across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield. Roads and Bridges.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

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### AN ACT

To provide for an Equitable Distribution of the Cost of the Bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

*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. On the application of the mayor  
2 and aldermen of the city of Holyoke, or of any  
3 city or town in the county of Hampden, to the  
4 supreme judicial court for the county of Hamp-  
5 den, a board of commissioners shall be appointed  
6 by the said court or by any justice thereof con-  
7 sisting of three disinterested and suitable persons  
8 not residents of the county of Hampden, for the  
9 purposes hereinafter stated.

1 SECTION 2. The said commissioners, after no-  
2 tice and a hearing, shall determine what cities and  
3 towns in the county of Hampden are or will be  
4 directly and specially benefited by the erection  
5 of the bridge to be constructed under the author-  
6 ity of and in accordance with chapter two hun-  
7 dred and fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred  
8 and fifteen, and what proportional part of the  
9 cost of the said bridge and of its approaches, and  
10 of the highways to be laid out from them to  
11 existing highways, and of the damages and of the  
12 cost of maintaining and keeping the said bridge  
13 in repair and of all other expenses incurred under  
14 said chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the  
15 acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen and of this  
16 act shall be paid by said county and by such  
17 cities and towns respectively, but no city or town  
18 shall be liable for the cost of any of the said ap-  
19 proaches or highways to be laid out from them  
20 to existing highways, or of any changes occasioned  
21 thereby, other than the city or town in which  
22 such approaches or highways are situated. The  
23 word "expenses" shall be construed to include  
24 the compensation of the commissioners appointed  
25 under the provisions of this act, and of those  
26 appointed under the provisions of chapter two  
27 hundred and fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hun-  
28 dred and fifteen, and of the county commission-  
29 ers for services performed under the provisions of  
30 chapter two hundred and fifty-two of the acts of  
31 nineteen hundred and fifteen, which compensa-  
32 tion shall be such as shall be determined by the

33 supreme judicial court, and also the expenses  
34 incurred by all three said boards of commission-  
35 ers, including expenses for engineering and other  
36 expert services deemed necessary by them to en-  
37 able them to discharge their duties.

1 SECTION 3. The said commissioners appointed  
2 under this act, or a majority of them, shall make  
3 a return of their decisions of the matters en-  
4 trusted to them by this act to the supreme judi-  
5 cial court for the county of Hampden, the decree  
6 of said court confirming the decision shall be final  
7 and binding.

1 SECTION 4. So much of the decision of the  
2 commissioners appointed under said chapter two  
3 hundred and fifty-two as is inconsistent with the  
4 decisions of the commissioners to be appointed  
5 under this act, shall be superseded thereby and  
6 the remainder shall be in full force and effect;  
7 and the decision of the commissioners to be ap-  
8 pointed under this act may be enforced in the  
9 same manner provided for by section nine of chap-  
10 ter two hundred and fifty-two of the acts of nine-  
11 teen hundred and fifteen.

1 SECTION 5. So much of section four and sec-  
2 tion five of said chapter two hundred and fifty-  
3 two as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

