

SENATE No. 588

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, June 2, 1920.

The committee on Municipal Finance, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1797) of the selectmen of the town of Concord that said town be authorized to construct a line to the town of Lexington for the transmission of electricity, report the accompanying Bill.

For the committee,

THOMAS WESTON, JR.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty.

AN ACT

To permit the Town of Concord to construct a Line to the Town of Lexington for the Transmission of Electricity.

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 town of Concord is hereby
2 authorized to construct and maintain a line for
3 the transmission of electricity from its power
4 station in Concord to the power substation of
5 The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of
6 Boston in the town of Lexington, said line passing
7 either through a part of the town of Lincoln or
8 through a part of the town of Bedford and said
9 town of Lexington. The locations for said line
10 may be granted on petition of the municipal light
11 board of the town of Concord by the selectmen
12 of said towns as provided in chapter one hundred
13 and twenty-two of the Revised Laws, and acts in
14 amendment thereof or addition thereto.

1 SECTION 2. The town of Concord acting by
2 the municipal light board of said town shall have

3 the powers and be subject to the obligations of
4 electric companies under section one hundred and
5 twenty-eight of chapter seven hundred and forty-
6 two of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen,
7 as amended by chapter one hundred and forty-
8 one of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and
9 seventeen, and by chapter ninety-one of the
10 General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen,
11 and shall be subject to the provisions of sections
12 one hundred and twenty-nine to section one hun-
13 dred and thirty-two, inclusive, of said chapter
14 seven hundred and forty-two; and shall have full
15 power to acquire by purchase any lands, rights
16 of way or easements in said towns of Concord,
17 Lincoln, Bedford, and Lexington necessary for
18 the construction and maintenance of such trans-
19 mission line.

1 SECTION 3. The town of Concord for the pur-
2 pose of paying the necessary expenses and liabili-
3 ties incurred under this act may incur indebted-
4 ness to an amount not exceeding two hundred
5 and fifty thousand dollars, of which two hundred
6 thousand dollars shall be within the limit of in-
7 debtedness established for municipal light plants,
8 and fifty thousand dollars outside the debt limit
9 as fixed by law, and any debt incurred under
10 authority of this act shall be paid in not more
11 than ten years and in the manner provided in
12 chapter seven hundred and nineteen of the acts of
13 nineteen hundred and thirteen.

1 SECTION 4. The town of Concord may sell
2 said transmission line or any part thereof to said
3 The Edison Electric Illuminating Company of
4 Boston upon such terms and conditions as the
5 commission of the department of public utilities
6 shall approve, and if according to such terms and
7 conditions any payment is made to the town of
8 Concord other than by the assumption of in-
9 debtedness which may be outstanding, the amount
10 of such payment shall be expended by said town
11 for the retirement of indebtedness herein author-
12 ized, and any balance not required for such pur-
13 pose may be expended for any purpose for which
14 the town may borrow money under the general
15 laws, but for no other purpose.

1 SECTION 5. The town of Concord acting by
2 its municipal light board shall have the right,
3 with the approval of the commission of the
4 department of public utilities and for so long a
5 time as it owns said line, to sell electricity trans-
6 mitted over said line to customers adjacent to the
7 line in said towns of Lincoln or Bedford, provided
8 that the electric company doing business in said
9 towns is unwilling or unable to supply such cus-
10 tomers.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its
2 acceptance by a majority of the voters of the
3 town of Concord voting thereon at a meeting
4 duly called for the purpose.