

HOUSE No. 1785

Mr. Fobes of Stoughton presented a petition of Fred C. Phillips and others (selectmen and town manager) relative to apportionment of sewer assessments in the town of Stoughton. Taxation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEWER ASSESSMENTS IN THE TOWN OF STOUGHTON.

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. Section six of chapter eighty-six of
2 the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven is hereby
3 amended by striking out the proviso contained in
4 the thirty-fourth to forty-fourth lines, inclusive, and
5 inserting in place thereof the following:— provided,
6 that said board may, and on the written request of
7 any such owner made within the said three months
8 shall, apportion such assessment into ten equal parts
9 or assessments; and said board shall certify such
10 apportionment to the assessors of the town, and one
11 of said parts or installments with interest, from the
12 date of commitment to the collector to the date
13 when interest on taxes becomes due and payable, at
14 six per cent per annum, on the unpaid balance shall
15 be added by the assessors to the annual tax on such

16 estate for each year next ensuing, until all of said
17 parts have so been added, unless sooner paid as here-
18 inafter provided,

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter eighty-six is hereby fur-
2 ther amended by striking out section eight and in-
3 serting in place thereof the following:—

4 *Section 8.* Any person aggrieved by such assess-
5 ment may, within six months after notice of such
6 assessment has been sent out by the collector, file
7 with the said board of sewer commissioners a peti-
8 tion for an abatement thereof, and the board shall,
9 before such assessment is added to the tax bill, grant
10 such abatement as may be necessary to make such
11 assessment conform to section six. Such petition
12 may be filed with the clerk or secretary of the board,
13 or delivered by mail or otherwise at their office.
14 The board shall within ten days after their decision
15 upon the petition give written notice thereof to the
16 petitioner. If an assessment is abated by the board
17 the assessment so determined shall stand as the as-
18 sessment upon the land, and if it has not been paid
19 shall be collected in the same manner as the original
20 assessment. If the assessment has been paid, the
21 person by whom it was paid shall be reimbursed by
22 the town to the amount of the abatement allowed,
23 with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum
24 from the time of payment.