

SENATE No. 256.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 11, 1891.

The committee on Drainage, to whom was referred the petition of the board of selectmen, the board of health and others of Medford, to give to the board of selectmen of said town certain powers in relation to brooks and streams in said town, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WILDER P. CLARK.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-one.

AN ACT

To give to the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Medford certain Powers in relation to Brooks and Streams therein.

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 board of selectmen of the
2 town of Medford is hereby authorized, for the
3 purpose of draining any lands which have been or
4 may be hereafter declared by the board of health
5 of said town to be so wet or moist as to be
6 offensive or injurious to health, to clear of
7 obstructions, deepen or widen any brooks or
8 streams in the limits of said town, and to straighten
9 or alter the course or channels thereof, and to
10 enter upon any lands for such purpose: and the
11 more effectually to make such improvements said
12 board of selectmen may take land within the
13 limits of said town in fee simple or otherwise not

14 exceeding four rods in width. Damages suffered
15 by any person through such taking of land, or
16 through any action of said selectmen under this
17 act shall be ascertained and recovered in the same
18 manner as provided by law in the case of the
19 laying out of town ways.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

