

HOUSE No. 340.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 19, 1894.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the Bill (introduced on leave in the House) relative to the investment of municipal sinking funds (House, No. 78), report that it ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

GEO. H. NEWHALL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to the Investment of Municipal Sinking Funds.

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 eleven of chapter twenty-nine of
2 the Public Statutes is hereby amended by inserting after
3 the word "sinking funds," in the sixth line of said sec-
4 tion, the following words: "or in the temporary loan
5 notes or certificates of their own city or town, which
6 have been issued in anticipation of taxes, and mature
7 within one year from their issuance;" and by striking
8 out in the tenth line of said section the words "when re-
9 quired in their judgment," and inserting in place thereof
10 the following words: "whenever they deem it ad-
11 vantageous so to do;" so that the section as above
12 amended shall read as follows:—

13 *Section 11.* The commissioners shall receive all
14 sums contributed to a sinking fund, and shall invest and
15 re-invest the same, and the income thereof as it accrues,
16 in the name of the board, in the particular scrip, notes

17 or bonds, for the redemption of which such sinking fund
18 was established, or in other bonds of said city or town
19 secured by sinking funds or in the temporary loan notes
20 or certificates of their own city or town which have been
21 issued in anticipation of taxes and mature within one
22 year from their issuance, or in securities in which by law
23 the funds of savings banks may be invested (except per-
24 sonal securities); and the commissioners may sell and
25 re-invest such securities whenever they deem it advan-
26 tageous so to do. They shall keep a record of their pro-
27 ceedings, and shall annually, at the time when other
28 municipal officers are required to make their annual re-
29 ports, make a written report to the city or town of the
30 amount and condition of said funds and of the income
31 thereof for the preceding financial year. The record of
32 and the securities belonging to said funds shall at all times
33 be subject to the inspection of the selectmen, mayor and
34 aldermen, or of any committee of the city or town duly
35 authorized for the purpose. The necessary expenses of
36 the board shall be paid by the city or town; and the
37 treasurer and secretary thereof shall receive such com-
38 pensation as shall be fixed by the city or town, but no
39 commissioner shall receive compensation for his services.
40 When securities issued by a city or town become a
41 part of its sinking fund the commissioners shall cause to
42 be stamped or written on the face thereof a notice that
43 they are a part of such sinking fund, and are not nego-
44 tiable; and all coupons thereof, as they become due and
45 are paid, shall be cancelled.

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

