

# HOUSE . . . . No. 604.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 7, 1895.

[Bill accompanying the petition of the mayor of Taunton. Drainage.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To authorize the City of Taunton to construct a System of Sewerage.

*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 city of Taunton is hereby authorized  
2 through a board of commissioners to lay out, construct,  
3 maintain and operate a system or systems of main drains  
4 and common sewers for a part or the whole of its terri-  
5 tory, and a system of sewage disposal for said city to be  
6 constructed, maintained and operated in connection with  
7 its main drains and common sewers hereby authorized.

1 SECT. 2. Said board shall consist of three commis-  
2 sioners, who shall be citizens of said city of Taunton, and  
3 shall be appointed by the mayor of said city. They shall  
4 hold their office, one for one year, one for two years and  
5 one for three years from the first day of February pre-

6 ceding their appointment and until their successors are  
7 appointed and qualified, and thereafter in the month of  
8 January in each year one person shall be appointed as a  
9 member of such board who shall hold his office for three  
10 years from the first day of February then next ensuing.  
11 All appointments shall be subject to confirmation or re-  
12 jection by the board of aldermen.

1 SECT. 3. Said commissioners shall have all the powers  
2 and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and penalties  
3 now conferred or imposed upon sewer commissioners  
4 under the statutes of this Commonwealth relating to sewer  
5 commissioners in towns when accepted by them. Said  
6 commissioners shall annually appoint a clerk and may  
7 appoint, but not from their own number, a superintendent  
8 of sewers, and may remove said clerk and superintendent  
9 at their pleasure. The compensation of said clerk and  
10 superintendent shall be fixed by the city council.

1 SECT. 4. All contracts made by said commissioners  
2 for the purposes of this act shall be the contracts of the  
3 city and shall be signed by the mayor; but no contract  
4 shall be made by said commissioners which requires the  
5 expenditure of money until an appropriation has been  
6 made by the city council for that specific contract. Said  
7 commissioners shall be subject to such ordinances, rules,  
8 regulations and orders as the city council may from time  
9 to time make or establish, and shall be subject to removal  
10 by the mayor for cause. Any vacancy in said board  
11 shall be filled by appointment to be made by the mayor  
12 subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen.

1 SECT. 5. This act shall take effect when approved  
2 and accepted by the city council of the city of Taunton,  
3 but shall be void if not accepted within three months  
4 after its passage.



