

HOUSE No. 1299.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 23, 1895.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill in favor of the city of Worcester, report recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor the accompanying Bill, and that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

For the Committee,

R. W. IRWIN.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To provide for the Reimbursement by the Commonwealth to the City of Worcester of Certain Expenses incurred by said City in the Purification of Sewage.

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 supreme judicial court sitting for the
2 county of Worcester shall, upon the petition of the mayor
3 of the city of Worcester, appoint three disinterested
4 commissioners to determine what amount should be paid
5 by the Commonwealth to said city as a just and reasona-
6 ble proportion of the expense incurred by said city for
7 the purification of sewage before its return into the
8 Blackstone river, in view of the experimental character
9 of the work done by said city under the provisions of
10 chapter three hundred and thirty-one of the acts of the
11 year eighteen hundred and eighty-six. Said commis-
12 sioners, as soon as may be after their appointment, shall
13 fix a time and place of hearing and shall give notice
14 thereof to the mayor of said city and to the attorney-
15 general of the Commonwealth, and shall, after hearing

16 the city and the Commonwealth, prepare and return
17 their award into said court.

1 SECT. 2. Said court at the time of appointing said
2 commission may, in its discretion, establish such rules as
3 it may see fit to govern said commission in determining
4 the amount to be paid to said city by the Commonwealth ;
5 and upon the return of the award of said commission said
6 court may affirm the same in whole or in part, or may
7 recommit the same in whole or in part with further in-
8 structions. The award of said commission, when finally
9 accepted by said court, shall be binding upon both par-
10 ties, and the amount so awarded, when certified by the
11 clerk of said court to the auditor of the Commonwealth,
12 shall be allowed and paid like other claims against the
13 Commonwealth.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

