

SENATE No. 309.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, April 21, 1899.

The committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply, sitting jointly, to whom was referred the bill relative to supplying certain cities and towns with water from the Metropolitan Water Works (Senate, No. 69, introduced on leave), report that the same ought to pass, in a new draft, herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

FRED'K W. DALLINGER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

Relative to supplying Certain Cities and Towns with
Water from the Metropolitan Water System.

*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 three of chapter four
2 hundred and eighty-eight of the acts of the year
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, as amended by
4 chapter three hundred and ninety-two of the
5 acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-
6 eight, is hereby amended by inserting after the
7 word "town" in the twenty-ninth line, the words,
8 "last referred to," so as to read as follows: —
- 9 *Section 3.* Said board, acting for the Com-
10 monwealth, shall construct, maintain and operate
11 a system of metropolitan water works substan-
12 tially in accordance with the plans and recom-
13 mendations of the state board of health, contained
14 in their report to the legislature of the year
15 eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and shall pro-

16 vide thereby a sufficient supply of pure water for
17 the following named cities and towns and the
18 inhabitants thereof, to wit: The cities of Boston,
19 Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Medford, Newton and
20 Somerville, and the towns of Belmont, Hyde
21 Park, Melrose, Revere, Watertown and Win-
22 throp, which cities and towns shall constitute the
23 metropolitan water district; shall secure and
24 protect the purity of said water; shall, on appli-
25 cation, furnish water to any city or town aforesaid
26 that at the time of application owns its water
27 pipe system; shall on application admit any other
28 city or town, any part of which is within ten
29 miles of the state house, into said water district,
30 and furnish water to the same on the terms pre-
31 scribed by this act for the cities and towns afore-
32 said, and on such payment of money as said
33 board may determine; shall on application fur-
34 nish water to any water company owning the
35 water pipe system in any town within said ten
36 miles, on such water company assuming the
37 assessments of the town, if any, and making
38 such payment of money as said board may deter-
39 mine; and may from time to time furnish water
40 to any other city, town or water company, on
41 such payment of money as said board may deter-
42 mine: *provided*, that any such city or town last
43 referred to shall first have acquired the works of
44 any water company therein situated, constructed
45 for the purpose of supplying said city or town
46 or its inhabitants with water. All payments of
47 money aforesaid shall be distributed to the cities

48 and towns in said district in proportion to the
49 total amount of the annual assessments thereto-
50 fore paid by them respectively. Said board shall
51 furnish said water to said city, town or company,
52 by delivering the same into a main water pipe,
53 reservoir or tank of the city, town or company,
54 under sufficient pressure for use without local
55 pumping, unless delivered in some other manner
56 by mutual agreement between the parties inter-
57 ested; and shall have the direction and control
58 of the connections between the metropolitan and
59 local systems. Said board may utilize the fall of
60 water at any dam under their charge, and may
61 thereby produce power or electricity, and may
62 transmit such power or electricity by pipes, wires,
63 or other suitable means, and sell the same, or the
64 right to use such water, by written or other con-
65 tract, to run for a term not exceeding fifteen
66 years. Any person or corporation authorized by
67 said board shall have all the powers relating to
68 the production, sale and transmission of power
69 and electricity given by this act to said board.

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