

SENATE . . . . . No. 247.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, July 10, 1900.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 173) of John E. Baldwin and another that the city of Boston may be authorized to issue bonds for a new House of Correction or an addition to the present building on Deer Island, and the bill to provide for the construction of a new House of Correction for the county of Suffolk (House, No. 1353, introduced on leave), report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

WILLIAM H. LOTT.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Houses of Correction in the County of  
Suffolk.

*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 penal institutions commis-  
2 sioner of the city of Boston shall cause to be  
3 prepared plans for additions to, and new build-  
4 ings for, the house of correction at Deer Island ;  
5 shall, when said plans have been approved by the  
6 commissioners of prisons and the mayor of said  
7 city, contract, in behalf of the city of Boston, for  
8 the construction of said buildings or additions;  
9 and shall, when said new buildings or additions  
10 are sufficiently advanced therefor, remove all the  
11 prisoners from the house of correction at South  
12 Boston to the house of correction at Deer Island.  
13 After said removal the land and buildings at  
14 South Boston shall no longer be used for a house  
15 of correction.

1 SECTION 2. Said new buildings and additions  
2 shall provide such suitable cells and rooms as  
3 shall be deemed requisite for the proper care and  
4 treatment of the inmates, and shall be so con-  
5 structed that with the other buildings on said  
6 island arrangements can be made for classification  
7 of the prisoners, complete separation of prison-  
8 ers sentenced for a term of one year or more from  
9 those sentenced for a less term than one year,  
10 complete separation of female prisoners from male  
11 prisoners, complete separation of male prisoners  
12 sentenced for drunkenness from other prisoners,  
13 separate cells for male prisoners held for non-pay-  
14 ment of fines, so that no such prisoner shall come  
15 in contact with any other prisoner, schools and  
16 manual training for the prisoners.

1 SECTION 3. The sheriff of the county of Suf-  
2 folk shall prepare plans for additions to, or new  
3 buildings for, the Suffolk county jail, so as to  
4 provide cells for female prisoners and such other  
5 cells and rooms as shall be deemed requisite for  
6 the proper care and treatment of the inmates of  
7 said jail ; and after said plans have been approved  
8 by the commissioners of prisons and the mayor,  
9 said sheriff shall, in behalf of said city, contract  
10 for the erection of such buildings or additions.

1 SECTION 4. To meet the expenses incurred in  
2 carrying out the provisions of this act the city  
3 treasurer of said city, from time to time on the  
4 request of the mayor, shall issue, sell and use the

5 proceeds of bonds of said city to a total amount  
6 not exceeding four hundred thousand dollars, in-  
7 side the debt limit of said city ; said bonds to be  
8 issued for such term not exceeding five years as  
9 shall be fixed by the treasurer with the approval  
10 of the mayor ; and the mayor, unless the city  
11 council of said city shall provide other means for  
12 the payment of such bonds, shall, by such board  
13 or officer as the mayor shall designate, sell the lot  
14 of land in South Boston on which the house of  
15 correction is located, or such part of said land as  
16 he shall deem proper, and use the proceeds of  
17 such sale for the payment of said bonds, the pos-  
18 session of said land to be given when the pris-  
19 oners shall be removed from the house of correc-  
20 tion thereon.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage. \_\_\_\_\_

SENATE, July 10, 1900.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent down for concurrence.

HENRY D. COOLIDGE, *Clerk.*