

HOUSE No. 431.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Henry C. Bliss. Harbors and Public
Lands. Feb. 5.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To establish the Mount Tom State Reservation in
the Counties of Hampden and Hampshire.

*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. Within thirty days after the pas-
2 sage of this act the governor, with the advice and
3 consent of the council, shall appoint a commission
4 to be known as the Mount Tom state reservation
5 commission, consisting of five persons, two of
6 whom shall be residents of the county of Hamp-
7 den and two of the county of Hampshire, two
8 members of said commission to be appointed for
9 the term of two years, two for the term of four

10 years and one for the term of six years; and
11 thereafter every two years there shall be ap-
12 pointed a member or members to serve for the
13 term of six years from date of his or their ap-
14 pointment. The members of the commission shall
15 serve without compensation.

1 SECTION 2. The commission is hereby au-
2 thorized and directed to take by purchase, gift or
3 otherwise, land not exceeding four thousand acres
4 in extent, situate on and about Mount Tom in the
5 counties of Hampden and Hampshire, and the
6 land acquired under the provisions of this act
7 shall be known as the Mount Tom state reserva-
8 tion. The title to the same shall be and remain
9 in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

1 SECTION 3. To carry out the purposes of this
2 act the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall
3 be allowed and paid out of the treasury of the
4 Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. The commission shall have the
2 same powers to acquire land for the Mount Tom
3 state reservation which are given to the metro-
4 politan park commission, established by chapter
5 four hundred and seven of the acts of the year
6 eighteen hundred and ninety-three and acts in
7 amendment thereof or supplementary thereto, and
8 shall be vested with full power and authority to
9 care for, protect and maintain the same in behalf
10 of the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 5. The necessary expense for care
2 and maintenance of the Mount Tom state reser-
3 vation, in excess of any income that may be de-
4 rived therefrom, shall be annually estimated by
5 the Mount Tom state reservation commission and
6 shall be borne by the counties of Hampden and
7 Hampshire and shall be embodied by the county
8 commissioners of said counties in the estimate
9 annually submitted by them to the general court,
10 and shall be assessed upon said counties and col-
11 lected in the same manner as are county taxes.

1 SECTION 6. The county treasurer of Hamp-
2 shire county shall hold, subject to the order of
3 the Mount Tom state reservation commission, all
4 sums raised by taxation in the manner provided
5 in section five of this act, and all other sums that
6 may be given or bequeathed to said commission
7 for the purposes of the reservation, as the Mount
8 Tom state reservation fund.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

