

HOUSE No. 962.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Charles E. Barnes for the incorporation of himself and others for the purpose of constructing and operating a street railway in the city of Lawrence and in the towns of North Andover, Boxford, Groveland and Georgetown. Street Railways. Feb 6.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

AN ACT

To incorporate the Lawrence and Georgetown Street
Railway Company.

*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. Charles E. Barnes, Essex S.
2 Abbott, James A. Brogan, Charles Howard
3 Poor, Lamont H. Chick, George F. Marshall,
4 Edmund B. Fuller, their associates and succes-
5 sors, are hereby made a corporation under the
6 name of the Lawrence and Georgetown Street
7 Railway Company with all the powers and privi-
8 leges and subject to all the duties, liabilities and

9 restrictions set forth in all general laws now or
10 hereafter in force relating to street railway com-
11 panies.

1 SECTION 2. Said company may locate, con-
2 struct, maintain and operate its railway, with a
3 single or double track, in such manner as may be
4 convenient, in part upon private land acquired
5 by purchase or lease, and upon streets, highways
6 or state roads in the city of Lawrence and in the
7 towns of North Andover, Boxford, Groveland
8 and Georgetown, subject to the approval and
9 control of the board of aldermen of said city, and
10 the selectmen of said towns, respectively, as pro-
11 vided by general laws, and subject also to the
12 approval of the Massachusetts highway commis-
13 sion as to any part of said railway located upon a
14 state highway. The location of said railway out-
15 side the public streets and highways shall not
16 exceed fifty feet in width, with convenient turn-
17 outs and switches.

1 SECTION 3. Said company may maintain and
2 operate its railway by any motive power other
3 than steam, may erect and maintain poles and
4 wires on private lands purchased or leased for the
5 purposes of said railway, and, with the consent of
6 the board of aldermen of said city, and the select-
7 men of said towns, may erect within said city and
8 town such poles and wires in the streets and high-
9 ways as may be necessary to establish and main-
10 tain such motive power. The company may

11 acquire by purchase or lease all necessary real
12 estate and water power for its power stations and
13 other purposes incidental to the proper mainten-
14 ance and operation of its railway.

1 SECTION 4. The capital stock of the company
2 shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars: *provided*,
3 that the company may increase its capital stock,
4 subject to the provisions of the general laws
5 relative to such increase.

1 SECTION 5. Said company, in order to meet
2 expenses incurred under this act or by its author-
3 ity, may issue bonds payable within periods not
4 exceeding twenty years from the dates thereof,
5 secured by mortgage of its franchise and property
6 in such amount as the board of railroad commis-
7 sioners may approve and subject to the general
8 laws relative thereto; and in such mortgage may
9 reserve to its directors the right to sell or other-
10 wise in due course of business to dispose of
11 property included therein which may become un-
12 suitable for use, provided an equivalent in value
13 is substituted therefor.

1 SECTION 6. Said company is hereby authorized
2 to use its tracks for the transportation of passen-
3 gers and their baggage, to be a common carrier
4 of small parcels of goods and merchandise, and
5 to carry mails upon any street or highway or over
6 any private land upon which it may be authorized
7 to construct its tracks as aforesaid: *provided*,

8 *however*, that said company shall not so act in any
9 city or town until authorized to do so by the
10 aldermen of said city or the selectmen of said
11 towns; and *provided, further*, that said company
12 shall in carrying baggage and small parcels be
13 subject to such by-laws and regulations as may
14 from time to time be made by such city or towns;
15 and shall also be subject to the provisions of
16 chapter seventy-three of the Public Statutes and
17 of all other laws relating to common carriers.

1 SECTION 7. The authority hereby granted
2 shall cease if four miles of the proposed railway
3 are not constructed and put in operation prior to
4 the first day of December in the year nineteen
5 hundred and two, and if said railway is not con-
6 structed and in operation in said city and town
7 herein named within four years from the granting
8 of the locations by the proper authorities.

1 SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.