

HOUSE No. 247.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Walter L. Sears for legislation to provide a more equitable method of raising money for the maintenance of the water department of the city of Boston. Metropolitan Affairs. January 31.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To provide a more Equitable Method of raising Money for the Maintenance of the Water Department of the City of Boston.

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 water commissioner for the city of
2 Boston shall annually during the month of January, be-
3 ginning in the year nineteen hundred and two, furnish
4 the mayor and city council of said city with an estimate
5 of the amount of money required for his department
6 during the next financial year.

1 SECTION 2. The city council of said city shall levy a
2 general tax on all real estate as hereinafter provided,

3 beginning on the first day of February in the year nine-
4 teen hundred and two, and annually thereafter, a sum
5 estimated to be sufficient to pay for all expenditures of
6 the said water department of said city for the aforesaid
7 financial year.

1 SECTION 3. Beginning in the year nineteen hundred
2 and two, and annually thereafter, the board of assessors
3 of said city shall assess by a general tax levied upon
4 all real estate such amount as the city council, with the
5 approval of the mayor, may deem sufficient to meet all
6 expenditures of said department; and all moneys so
7 raised shall be placed to the credit of said water depart-
8 ment.

1 SECTION 4. Said board of assessors shall assess, and
2 the city collector shall collect such water rates existing,
3 or as may be established by said water commissioner,
4 with the approval of the mayor, for all water used for
5 mechanical purposes in the same manner as at present,
6 and the revenue derived from such collections shall be
7 placed to the credit of the water department, to meet
8 interest on debt, or sinking fund requirements of said
9 water department, as the mayor may determine.

1 SECTION 5. On and after the first day of January in
2 the year nineteen hundred and two, water for domestic
3 purposes shall be furnished free by the city of Boston
4 to its inhabitants; and the aforesaid board of assessors,
5 together with the water commissioner, shall determine
6 who are domestic users; and all other users shall be
7 liable to assessment as provided in section four.

1 SECTION 6. Said water commissioner with the ap-
2 proval of the mayor shall make such rules and regula-

3 tions for the proper enforcement of this act and the
4 prevention of waste as may be necessary; and the city
5 council, may by ordinance, provide such penalties as they
6 deem proper for any violations of said rules and regu-
7 lations.

1 SECTION 7. Any city by majority vote of its city
2 council and approval of the mayor, may adopt the gen-
3 eral provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 8. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent
2 herewith are hereby repealed.

