

HOUSE No. 1266.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 2, 1902.

The committee on Street Railways, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 887) of Joseph E. Buswell for legislation to provide that street railway companies shall pay part of the cost of improving highways and streets upon which they have locations, report the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

JOSEPH E. BUSWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To require Street Railway Companies to pay a Part of the Cost of improving Highways upon which they have Locations.

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. Whenever it shall be considered neces-
2 sary for public convenience to widen or alter any street,
3 highway or bridge in any city or town over which a street
4 railway has a location, and which location, in whole or in
5 part, contributes to such necessity, such portion of the
6 cost of such widening or altering may be assessed upon
7 the owners of the street railway so located as may be just
8 and equitable, but shall not exceed one-third of the total
9 cost of the same and shall not apply to bridges and ap-
10 proaches over steam railroads where said steam railroads
11 are by law interested parties in maintaining the same.

1 SECTION 2. If the owners of such street railway are
2 dissatisfied with the amount so assessed, they may peti-
3 tion the railroad commissioners for an abatement or read-
4 justment of such assessment; and their decision shall be
5 final.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.