

HOUSE No. 1341.

[House, No. 1266, as passed to be engrossed.]

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 in any city or town to widen
3 or alter any street, highway or bridge over which a street
4 railway has a location, and which location, in whole or in
5 part, contributes to such necessity, such part of the cost
6 of such widening or altering, not exceeding one-third
7 thereof, may be assessed upon the owners of the street
8 railway having such location as may be just and equi-
9 table. But this section shall not apply to the widening
10 or altering of bridges and approaches over steam rail-

11 roads in cases in which the corporations owning such rail-
12 roads are by law interested parties in maintaining the
13 said bridges and approaches.

1 SECTION 2. If the owners of any such street railway
2 are dissatisfied with the amount so assessed, they may
3 petition the railroad commissioners for an abatement or
4 readjustment thereof; and the decision of the commis-
5 sioners shall be final.

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 17, 1902.

Passed to be engrossed.

Sent up for concurrence.

JAMES W. KIMBALL, *Clerk.*