

HOUSE No. 726.

Bill accompanying the petition of Helen L. Butterfield for legislation to authorize the courts to review the matter of compensation for land formerly owned by her and taken by the Commonwealth. Probate and Chancery. January 25.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to the Compensation of Helen L. Butterfield for
Land taken by the Commonwealth.

*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. Any judge of the superior court sitting
2 in equity for the county of Middlesex may, on the peti-
3 tion of Helen L. Butterfield for compensation for land
4 taken by the Commonwealth, appoint three disinterested
5 persons as commissioners, who shall hear the petitioner
6 and representatives of the Commonwealth, and if they
7 find that land formerly owned by the petitioner was sub-
8 sequently taken by the Commonwealth under the right
9 of eminent domain, and the fair value was not paid

10 therefore, the commissioners shall award to the petitioner
11 the balance. The commissioners shall reserve such ques-
12 tions of law as may be desired by the petitioner or the
13 representatives of the Commonwealth, and the award of
14 the commissioners, or a majority thereof, accepted by
15 the court, shall be a final adjudication of the matter.

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