

HOUSE No. 1230.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 20, 1906.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom was referred the abstract of the annual report of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board (House, No. 133), report, in part, the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JOHN F. LOTHROP.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Six.

AN ACT

To establish the Basis for Determining the Annual Assessments upon the Municipalities within the Metropolitan Sewerage Districts for Interest and Sinking Fund Requirements and Cost of Maintenance and Operation.

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 proportions in which each of the
2 cities and towns belonging in whole or in part to the
3 north metropolitan and south metropolitan sewerage dis-
4 tricts, respectively, shall annually pay money into the
5 treasury of the Commonwealth to meet the interest and
6 sinking fund requirements for each year, as estimated
7 by the treasurer of the Commonwealth, and to meet any
8 deficiency in the amount previously paid in, as found by
9 said treasurer, shall be based upon the respective taxable
10 valuations of the property of said cities and towns as
11 last established by the general court for the purpose of
12 constituting a basis of apportionment for state and county
13 taxes.

1 SECTION 2. The proportions in which each of the
2 cities and towns belonging in whole or in part to the
3 north metropolitan and south metropolitan sewerage dis-
4 tricts, respectively, shall annually pay money into the
5 treasury of the Commonwealth to meet the cost of mainte-
6 nance and operation of the respective sewerage systems as
7 estimated by the metropolitan water and sewerage board
8 and certified by the treasurer of the Commonwealth, and
9 to meet any deficiency in the amount previously paid in,
10 as found by said treasurer, shall be based upon the re-
11 spective populations of said cities and towns as ascer-
12 tained by the last preceding state or United States census.

1 SECTION 3. If less than the entire area of any city
2 or town is included in either of said metropolitan sewer-
3 age systems, the valuation and population only of that
4 part of the city or town which is included in either of
5 said systems, as determined by the metropolitan water
6 and sewerage board, shall be used as a basis in determin-
7 ing the proportion and amount which it shall pay as its
8 share of interest and sinking fund requirements and of
9 the cost of maintenance and operation of works.

1 SECTION 4. The metropolitan water and sewerage
2 board shall in each year, in accordance with the provi-
3 sions of the foregoing sections, determine for each sys-
4 tem the proportion in which each of the cities and towns
5 belonging in whole or in part to such system, shall annu-
6 ally pay money into the treasury of the Commonwealth
7 to meet the interest and sinking fund requirements and
8 to meet the cost of maintenance and operation of such
9 system, and shall transmit their determinations to the
10 treasurer of the Commonwealth.

1 SECTION 5. The amount of money required each year

2 from each such city or town to meet the interest and
3 sinking fund requirements and cost aforesaid for that
4 system in which it is included, and the deficiency, if any,
5 shall be estimated by the treasurer of the Commonwealth
6 in accordance with the proportions as determined afore-
7 said by the metropolitan water and sewerage board, and
8 shall be included and made a part of the sum charged
9 to such city or town and be paid by the city or town into
10 the treasury of the Commonwealth at the time required
11 for the payment of its proportion of the state tax.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall not in any way modify or
2 affect any decree of the supreme judicial court hereto-
3 fore made.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.