

SENATE No. 384.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SENATE, May 28, 1908.

The committee on Water Supply, to which was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, Senate, No. 369) of William E. Blodgett, mayor, that the city of Woburn may be authorized to make an additional water loan, reports the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

GEORGE H. GARFIELD.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

To authorize the City of Woburn to make an Additional
Water Loan.

*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 city of Woburn, for the purposes
2 mentioned in chapter three hundred and seven of the acts
3 of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled
4 "An act to supply the town of Woburn with pure water,"
5 and for enlarging and improving its system of water sup-
6 ply and installing new meters, may take by purchase or
7 otherwise and hold the waters of any pond or stream or
8 of any ground sources of supply by means of driven, ar-
9 tesian or other wells within the limits of the city, and the
10 water rights connected with any such water sources, and
11 may also take by purchase or otherwise and hold all lands,
12 rights of way and easements necessary for collecting, stor-
13 ing, holding, purifying and preserving the purity of the
14 water and for conveying the same to any part of said city:
15 *provided, however,* that no source of water supply and no
16 lands necessary for preserving the quality of such water

17 shall be taken or acquired without first obtaining the ad-
18 vice and approval of the state board of health, and that
19 the location of all dams, reservoirs and wells to be used as
20 sources of water supply under this act shall be subject to
21 the approval of said board.

22 Said city may construct on the lands taken or acquired
23 and held under the provisions of this act proper dams,
24 reservoirs, standpipes, tanks, buildings, fixtures and other
25 structures, and may make excavations, procure and oper-
26 ate machinery and provide such other means and appli-
27 ances and do such other things as may be necessary for
28 the establishment and maintenance of complete and effec-
29 tive water works; and for that purpose may construct
30 wells and reservoirs and establish pumping works and
31 may construct, lay and maintain aqueducts, conduits,
32 pipes and other works under or over any land, water
33 courses, railroads, railways and public or other ways,
34 and along such ways in said city in such manner as not
35 unnecessarily to obstruct the same; and for the purpose
36 of constructing, laying, maintaining, operating and re-
37 pairing such conduits, pipes and other works, and for all
38 proper purposes of this act, said city may dig up or raise
39 and embank any such lands, highways or other ways in
40 such manner as to cause the least hindrance to public
41 travel on such ways. Said city shall not enter upon, con-
42 struct or lay any conduits, pipes or other works within
43 the location of any railroad corporation, except at such
44 time and in such manner as it may agree upon with such
45 corporation, or, in case of failure so to agree, as may be
46 approved by the board of railroad commissioners.

1 SECTION 2. Said city, for the purposes named in
2 this act and in said chapter three hundred and seven,
3 may issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip to an

4 amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in addition
5 to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued
6 by the town or city of Woburn for water works purposes.
7 Such bonds, notes or scrip shall bear on their face the
8 words, "Woburn Water Loan, Act of 1908;" shall be
9 payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding twenty
10 years from the dates of issue; shall bear interest payable
11 semi-annually at a rate not exceeding five per cent per
12 annum; and shall be signed by the treasurer and coun-
13 tersigned by the mayor of said city. Said city may sell
14 such securities at public or private sale, or pledge the
15 same for money borrowed for the purposes of this act,
16 upon such terms and conditions as it may deem proper:
17 *provided*, that such securities shall not be sold for less
18 than the par value thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Said city shall, at the time of authoriz-
2 ing said loan, provide for the payment thereof in such
3 annual payments, as nearly equal in amount as practi-
4 cable, as will extinguish the same within the time pre-
5 scribed by this act; and when a vote to that effect has been
6 passed, a sum which, with the income derived from water
7 rates, will be sufficient to pay the annual expense of op-
8 erating its water works and the interest as it accrues on
9 the bonds, notes or scrip issued as aforesaid by said city,
10 and to make such payments on the principal as may be
11 required under the provisions of this act shall, without
12 further vote, be assessed and collected by said city in
13 each year thereafter in a manner similar to that in which
14 other taxes are assessed, until the debt incurred by said
15 loan is extinguished.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.