

HOUSE No. 765

Bill accompanying the petition of William F. Brooks, mayor of the city of Cambridge, for legislation to cause the expenses of construction and maintenance of bridges between the cities of Boston and Cambridge to be shared by cities and towns surrounding Cambridge. Roads and Bridges. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To provide that the Expenses of Construction and Maintenance of Bridges between the Cities of Cambridge and Boston shall be shared by Other Cities and Towns surrounding Cambridge.

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 cities of Boston and Cambridge shall
2 construct and maintain bridges across the Charles river
3 and shall pay for the cost of such construction and main-
4 tenance in the manner and form heretofore provided by
5 statute.

1 SECTION 2. A part of all moneys paid by the city of
2 Cambridge for the construction of any bridge or bridges

3 hereafter constructed across the Charles river between
4 the cities of Boston and Cambridge, and a part of all
5 moneys paid by the city of Cambridge for the mainte-
6 nance of bridges heretofore constructed and hereafter to
7 be constructed across the Charles river between the
8 cities of Boston and Cambridge, shall be repaid to said
9 city of Cambridge by the following cities and towns in
10 the county of Middlesex other than the city of Cam-
11 bridge, to wit: Arlington, Belmont, Lexington, Lincoln,
12 Newton, Somerville, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland,
13 Weston, Winchester and Woburn, to be apportioned as
14 hereinafter provided.

1 SECTION 3. The supreme judicial court or any justice
2 thereof, sitting in equity, for either of the counties of
3 Middlesex or Suffolk shall, after the expiration of two
4 years from the passage of this act and once in every five
5 years thereafter, upon the written application of the
6 mayor of Cambridge, and after notice to all parties inter-
7 ested, appoint three disinterested persons, not residents
8 of the county of Middlesex, who shall have the power to
9 compel the attendance of witnesses and who shall, after
10 notice to and hearing of the parties interested, determine
11 what amounts of the moneys paid by the city of Cam-
12 bridge under the provisions of law for the construction
13 and maintenance of said bridges to the first day of Janu-
14 ary next preceding the date of filing such application,
15 shall be repaid to the said city of Cambridge by said
16 cities and towns in said county named in section two of
17 this act, as said commissioners shall determine to be spe-
18 cially benefited, if any, by said bridges. Said commis-
19 sioners shall return their determination into said court,
20 and the decree of the court confirming such determination
21 shall be final and binding, and upon such confirmation

22 said cities and towns determined by said commissioners
23 to be so benefited shall pay to the said city of Cambridge
24 the amounts determined for them respectively.

1 SECTION 4. The supreme judicial court, or any justice
2 thereof, sitting in equity for either of the counties of Mid-
3 dlesex or Suffolk, shall, in term time or vacation, on the
4 petition of any city, corporation, person or persons inter-
5 ested, have jurisdiction in equity to enforce and to pre-
6 vent any violations of the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

