

HOUSE No. 772

Bill accompanying the petition of J. E. Perry and Michael J. Seully for legislation relative to the purchase by street railway companies of connecting lines of railway in adjoining states. Street Railways. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

Relative to the Purchase by Street Railway Companies of
Connecting Railways in Neighboring States.

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. A street railway company incorporated
2 under the laws of this commonwealth, and owning and
3 operating with the electric system of motive power a line
4 of railway connecting, intersecting or forming a con-
5 tinuous line with a railway also operated with the elec-
6 tric system of motor power, and owned by a company
7 incorporated under the laws of a neighboring state, may
8 purchase the whole or a part of the franchise and property
9 of such other company: *provided*, that as a consequence
10 of such purchase the facilities for travel on the railway

11 of each of said companies shall not be diminished nor the
12 rates of fare increased: and *provided, further*, that no
13 such purchase shall be valid or binding for any purpose
14 until its terms have been agreed to by a majority of the
15 directors and have been approved at meetings called for
16 the purpose by a vote of two-thirds in interest of the
17 stockholders of each of the contracting companies, and
18 unless also such purchase has been approved by the
19 board of railroad commissioners as consistent with the
20 public interests as required by section sixty-seven of part
21 one of chapter four hundred and sixty-three of the acts
22 of the year nineteen hundred and six.

1 SECTION 2. In case of any purchase under authority
2 of this act, the purchasing company shall be and remain
3 subject to all the general laws of this commonwealth now
4 or hereafter in force relating to the maintenance, opera-
5 tion and control of that part of its railway located in
6 Massachusetts, to the regulation of fares thereon, the
7 furnishing of adequate facilities and accommodation, the
8 issue of stock and bonds, and to the control and super-
9 vision of the general court, the board of railroad com-
10 missioners and other public officers, tribunals and com-
11 missions from time to time authorized by the general
12 laws of the commonwealth to exercise any jurisdiction,
13 supervision or control over Massachusetts street railways.

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