

# HOUSE . . . . No. 961

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Bill accompanying the petition of Melville F. Rogers for legislation relative to the construction of state highways. Roads and Bridges. January 17.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

### AN ACT

Relative to the Location of State Highways.

*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 six of chapter forty-seven of the Revised Laws  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the  
3 following:—*provided*, that no such way shall be laid  
4 out or be taken charge of by the commonwealth, or  
5 become a highway, or be constructed and kept in good  
6 repair and condition by the commission at the expense  
7 of the commonwealth in any county until at least fifty  
8 per centum of the total amount for which each other  
9 county has been rendered liable under this act has been  
10 expended, under this act, in said each other county,—  
11 so as to read as follows:—*Section 6.* If said commis-  
12 sion determines that public necessity and convenience

13 require that such way should be laid out or be taken  
14 charge of by the commonwealth, it shall file a certified  
15 copy of a plan thereof, a copy of the petition therefor  
16 and a certificate that they have laid out and taken charge  
17 of said highway in accordance with said plan, in the  
18 office of the county commissioners for the county in  
19 which the way is situated, and shall file a copy of the  
20 plan and location of the portion lying in each city or  
21 town in the office of the clerk of said city or town, and  
22 thereafter it shall be a state highway, and shall be con-  
23 structed and kept in good repair and condition by the  
24 commission, at the expense of the commonwealth:  
25 *provided*, that no such way shall be laid out or be  
26 taken charge of by the commonwealth or become a  
27 highway, or be constructed and kept in good repair and  
28 condition by the commission at the expense of the com-  
29 monwealth, in any county, until at least fifty per centum  
30 of the total amount for which each other county has  
31 been rendered liable under this act has been expended,  
32 under this act, in said each other county.