

HOUSE No. 967

Bill accompanying the petition of L. E. Benniman and others for legislation to authorize the construction of a highway from the city of Lawrence to the town of Methuen. Roads and Bridges. January 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

AN ACT

To provide for the Construction of a Highway between the City of Lawrence and the Town of Methuen.

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 county commissioners of Essex
2 county are hereby authorized and directed to lay out and
3 construct a highway commencing at the westerly termi-
4 nus of Water street in the city of Lawrence and running
5 thence westerly along the North bank of the Merrimack
6 river to a point in Lowell street in the town of Methuen
7 about one thousand feet east of Bartlett brook, so called.
8 The said highway shall be completed within one year
9 after the passage of this act.

1 SECTION 2. The said commissioners may widen,
2 straighten or relocate said way, and any person or cor-
3 poration whose property is injured by any act done under
4 the provisions hereof may have his damage assessed by
5 a jury in the manner provided by chapter forty-eight of
6 the Revised Laws.

1 SECTION 3. Upon the completion of the said way,
2 the county commissioners of said county shall file in the
3 office of the clerk of courts in that county a detailed
4 statement of the cost of the said way in that county and
5 of any land damages resulting therefrom, including an
6 estimate of any damages not yet determined and within
7 thirty days after the filing of the said statements the city
8 of Lawrence shall pay into the treasury of the county
9 of Essex forty-five per cent and the town of Methuen
10 shall pay into the treasury of the county of Essex fifteen
11 per cent of the cost of constructing the said way and of
12 the land damages resulting therefrom.

1 SECTION 4. The county commissioners of Essex
2 county are hereby authorized to borrow on the credit of
3 the said county, for a period not exceeding two years,
4 such sums as may be necessary to carry out the provi-
5 sions of this act, and to issue notes and bonds therefor.

1 SECTION 5. Upon the completion of the laying out
2 and constructing of the said way the Massachusetts high-
3 way commission is hereby directed to accept and lay out
4 as a state highway the way so constructed.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.