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Bill accompanying the petition of Merrill L. Welcker and others for legislation to provide for the annexation of the town of South Hadley to the city of Holyoke. Towns. January 19.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Annexation of the Town of South Hadley to the City of Holyoke.

*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. All the territory now comprised within  
2 the limits of the town of South Hadley, in the county of  
3 Hampshire, with the inhabitants and the estates therein,  
4 is hereby annexed to and made a part of the city of  
5 Holyoke, in Hampden county, and shall constitute the  
6 eighth ward of the city of Holyoke until a new division  
7 of the wards of the city is made: *provided, however,* that  
8 until constitutionally and legally changed said territory  
9 for the purpose of electing members of congress, state

10 senators and representatives, shall continue to belong to  
11 the respective districts of which it may be legally a part  
12 when this act takes full effect.

1 SECTION 2. The territory so transferred and the in-  
2 habitants thereof and their estates shall be liable for all  
3 taxes already assessed and not paid, and also all town,  
4 county and state taxes that may be hereafter assessed on  
5 them by the said town of South Hadley, and before this  
6 act shall take effect, in the same manner as they would  
7 have been liable if this act had not been passed; and the  
8 town treasurer and collector of said town of South  
9 Hadley are hereby authorized to collect the same in the  
10 manner provided by law after this act shall take effect.

1 SECTION 3. The inhabitants and the estates within  
2 the territory hereto annexed to the city of Holyoke shall  
3 continue to be a part of Hampshire county for all purposes.

1 SECTION 4. The county commissioners of the county  
2 of Hampshire shall apportion the county taxes due by  
3 the inhabitants and estates within the territory hereby  
4 annexed, according to the latest state valuation. They  
5 shall, by their clerk, certify to the assessors of the city  
6 of Holyoke the proportion which the inhabitants and  
7 estates within the said territory annexed to the city of  
8 Holyoke should pay and prescribe the time for payment.  
9 The amount apportioned to and assessed upon the said  
10 inhabitants and estates within said territory of the town  
11 of South Hadley for county taxes shall be collected and  
12 paid into the treasury of the city of Holyoke, and the  
13 county commissioners of said Hampshire county in their  
14 warrants shall require the assessors of said city of  
15 Holyoke to pay to the treasurer of Hampshire county

16 amounts apportioned to the inhabitants and estates in  
17 said territory of South Hadley, at such times as shall be  
18 fixed in such warrant.

1 SECTION 5. The city of Holyoke shall be liable for  
2 the support of all persons who shall stand or shall  
3 hereby stand in need of relief as paupers whose settle-  
4 ment was gained whether by original acquisition or  
5 derivation, or in any other manner within the said town  
6 of South Hadley.

1 SECTION 6. All public property of the said town of  
2 South Hadley shall be vested in and shall be declared  
3 the property of the city of Holyoke, and said city or  
4 Holyoke shall succeed to the rights, claims, causes of  
5 action, rights to uncollected taxes, liens, uses, trusts,  
6 duties, privileges and immunities of said town of South  
7 Hadley. The town treasurer of the town of South Had-  
8 ley shall, on or before the second Monday of January in  
9 the year nineteen hundred and twelve, under the direc-  
10 tion of the selectmen of the said town of South Hadley,  
11 transfer, deliver, pay over and account for to the city  
12 treasurer of the city of Holyoke, all books, moneys and  
13 other property in his possession as town treasurer of said  
14 town of South Hadley when this act shall take effect ;  
15 and the city of Holyoke shall become liable for and sub-  
16 ject to all the debts, obligations, duties, responsibilities  
17 and liabilities of said town of South Hadley. All actions  
18 and causes of action which may be pending or which  
19 may have accrued at the time this act shall take effect,  
20 in behalf of or against the town of South Hadley shall  
21 survive and shall be prosecuted to final judgment or  
22 execution in behalf of or against the town of South  
23 Hadley.

1 SECTION 7. Trustees shall continue to manage the  
2 Gaylord Memorial Library as at present and said library,  
3 together with the South Hadley Falls Library, shall  
4 remain in said territory and may be made a branch of  
5 the Holyoke Public Library.

1 SECTION 8. Nothing contained in this act shall impair  
2 the obligation of contracts or franchises or vested rights  
3 granted by the town of South Hadley and shall remain  
4 in full force and operative as though granted by and for  
5 the city of Holyoke.

1 SECTION 9. The several courts within the county of  
2 Hampshire after this act takes effect shall have and  
3 retain jurisdiction over all causes and proceedings in  
4 civil and criminal causes and in all matters in pro-  
5 bate and insolvency which said courts have heretofore  
6 exercised.

1 SECTION 10. This act shall take effect January first,  
2 nineteen hundred and twelve.