

HOUSE No. 198

Bill accompanying the recommendations of the Board of Harbor and Land Commissioners (House, No. 196). Harbors and Public Lands. January 3.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirteen.

AN ACT

Relative to Great Ponds.

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 board of harbor and land com-
2 missioners is hereby authorized to make surveys,
3 examinations, maps and plans of the great ponds of
4 the commonwealth containing more than ten acres
5 of land, also of the islands in said ponds, and shall,
6 except as otherwise provided, have charge of the
7 lands, shores, islands and rights in said great ponds
8 belonging to the commonwealth, and shall, as far as
9 practicable, ascertain the location, extent and de-
10 scription of such lands, shores, islands and rights;
11 investigate the title of the commonwealth thereto;
12 ascertain what portions have been encroached or

13 trespassed upon, and the rights and remedies of the
14 commonwealth relative thereto; the character and
15 extent of all structures built or placed in, under,
16 over or across said ponds or any outlets or inlets
17 thereof; the ownership or control of any developed
18 or undeveloped water power; the use made of the
19 developed water power whether for lighting, trac-
20 tion, manufacturing or other purposes; what rights
21 and privileges have been granted by the common-
22 wealth in respect to the waters of said ponds and the
23 inlets and outlets thereof; the authority under which
24 the water power has been developed and is being
25 used and the conditions, if any, on which such au-
26 thority was given, and whether such conditions have
27 been complied with.

1 SECTION 2. Said board may expend for the pur-
2 poses of this act a sum not exceeding
3 dollars.

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