

HOUSE No. 1545

Bill accompanying the petition of Herbert A. Wilson for the laying out of North Beacon street in the city of Boston and town of Watertown as a State highway. Roads and Bridges. January 22.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

To provide for the Laying Out of North Beacon Street in the City of Boston and Town of Watertown as a State Highway.

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 Massachusetts highway commission
2 shall lay out, widen and construct as a state highway,
3 within two years from the passage of this act, North
4 Beacon street in the city of Boston and town of Water-
5 town; that part within the limits of the city of Boston
6 to be laid out and widened in accordance with a plan of
7 widening North Beacon street on file in the office of the
8 street commissioners of the city of Boston, and showing
9 a widening of said street to a uniform width of eighty
10 feet; that part within the limits of the town of Water-

11 town to be laid out and widened in accordance with a
12 plan of widening said street on file in the office of the
13 town engineer of the town of Watertown.

1 SECTION 2. A space shall be reserved for a double
2 line of street railway tracks for the whole length of
3 said street in a location to be determined by said high-
4 way commissioners.

1 SECTION 3. All damages sustained by any person or
2 corporation by the taking of land or any right therein
3 or by the construction of said state highway under this
4 act shall be assessed by a jury of the superior court in
5 the manner provided by law with respect to damages
6 sustained by the laying out of state highways. All pro-
7 ceedings for the assessment of damages as aforesaid shall
8 be brought against the city of Boston and the town of
9 Watertown, for the portions within their respective
10 limits, and all damages assessed with interest and costs
11 shall be paid by said city and said town for the amount
12 so assessed in each.

13 The indebtedness thus incurred by the town of Water-
14 town under this act shall not be reckoned in determin-
15 ing the legal limit of indebtedness of the town.

1 SECTION 4. The said highway commission is
2 hereby authorized to expend a sum not exceeding
3 thousand dollars in the con-
4 struction of said state highway in accordance with the
5 provisions of the existing laws relative to the construc-
6 tion of state highways.

1 SECTION 5. For the purpose of meeting the ex-
2 penditures authorized by this act to be made by the

3 Massachusetts highway commission, the treasurer and
4 receiver general of the commonwealth shall issue scrip
5 or certificates of indebtedness to an amount not exceed-
6 ing thousand dollars for a term not
7 exceeding thirty years as an addition to all sums here-
8 tofore appropriated for the construction, repair and
9 maintenance of state highways; such scrip or certifi-
10 cates of indebtedness shall be issued as registered bonds
11 or with interest coupons attached, and shall bear interest
12 at a rate not exceeding four per centum per annum.
13 They shall be designated on the face thereof "State
14 Highway Loan", and shall be deemed a pledge of the
15 faith and credit of the commonwealth, and the principal
16 and interest thereof shall be paid at the times specified
17 therein in gold coin of the United States or its equiva-
18 lent. Such scrip or certificates of indebtedness shall be
19 sold or disposed of as provided by chapter two hundred
20 and sixty-three of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
21 and four, but none of said bonds shall be sold at less
22 than the par value thereof. The sinking fund established
23 by chapter four hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of
24 the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four shall also be
25 maintained for the purpose of providing for the payment
26 of the bonds issued under the authority of this act, and
27 the treasurer and receiver general of the commonwealth
28 shall apportion thereto from year to year an amount
29 sufficient with the accumulations of said fund to extin-
30 guish at maturity the debt incurred by the issue of said
31 bonds. The amount necessary to meet the annual sink-
32 ing fund requirements and to pay the interest on said
33 bonds shall be raised from taxation from year to year.

