

# HOUSE . . . . No. 625

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Bill accompanying the petition (taken from the files of last year) of the mayors of the cities of Cambridge and Boston that the expenses of constructing and maintaining bridges between said cities be shared by other cities and towns. Metropolitan Affairs. January 11.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

### AN ACT

To provide that the Expenses of Construction and Maintenance of Bridges between the Cities of Boston and Cambridge shall be shared by other Cities and Towns.

*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 cities of Boston and Cambridge shall  
2 construct and maintain bridges across the Charles river,  
3 and shall pay for the cost of such construction and main-  
4 tenance in the manner and form heretofore provided by  
5 statute.

1 SECTION 2. A part of all moneys paid by the cities  
2 of Boston and Cambridge for the construction of any  
3 bridge or bridges hereafter constructed across the Charles  
4 river between the cities of Boston and Cambridge and

5 a part of all moneys paid by the cities of Boston and  
6 Cambridge for the maintenance of bridges heretofore  
7 constructed and hereafter to be constructed across the  
8 Charles river between the cities of Boston and Cam-  
9 bridge, shall be repaid to said cities of Boston and Cam-  
10 bridge, by the following cities and towns in the county  
11 of Middlesex other than the city of Cambridge, to wit:—  
12 Arlington, Belmont, Lexington, Lincoln, Newton, Somer-  
13 ville, Waltham, Watertown, Wayland, Weston, Winches-  
14 ter and Woburn, to be apportioned as hereinafter pro-  
15 vided.

1 SECTION 3. The supreme judicial court, or any justice  
2 thereof, sitting in equity for either of the counties of  
3 Middlesex or Suffolk, shall, after the expiration of two  
4 years from the passage of this act, and once in every  
5 five years thereafter, upon the written application of the  
6 mayor of Boston or the mayor of Cambridge, and after  
7 notice to all parties interested, appoint three disinterested  
8 persons, not residents of the counties of Middlesex or  
9 Suffolk, who shall have the power to compel the attend-  
10 ance of witnesses, and who shall, after notice to and hear-  
11 ing of the parties interested, determine what amounts of  
12 the moneys paid by the cities of Boston and Cambridge  
13 under the provisions of law for the construction and  
14 maintenance of said bridges to the first day of January  
15 next preceding the date of filing such application, shall  
16 be repaid to the said cities of Boston and Cambridge by  
17 said cities and towns in said county named in section  
18 two of this act, as said commissioners shall determine to  
19 be specially benefited, if any, by said bridges. Said  
20 commissioners shall return their determination into said  
21 court, and the decree of the court confirming such deter-  
22 mination shall be final and binding, and upon such con-

23 firmation said cities and towns determined by said com-  
24 missioners to be so benefited, shall pay to the said  
25 cities of Boston and Cambridge the amounts determined  
26 for them respectively.

1 SECTION 4. The supreme judicial court, or any justice  
2 thereof, sitting in equity for either of the counties of  
3 Middlesex or Suffolk, shall, in term time or vacation, on  
4 the petition of any city, corporation, person or persons  
5 interested, have jurisdiction in equity to enforce and to  
6 prevent any violations of the provisions of this act.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

