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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 18, 1893.

The committee on Cities, to whom was referred the petitions of the mayor of Cambridge for legislation providing for a park commission for said city with less absolute powers than are granted to park commissioners under general laws (with Senate, No. 86), report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WM. M. TOWNSEND.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-three.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Public Parks in the City of Cambridge.

*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. Section one of chapter three hun-  
2 dred and forty-one of the acts of the year  
3 eighteen hundred and ninety-two is hereby  
4 amended by striking out, in the second line  
5 thereof, the words "within three years;" also by  
6 inserting, in the fifth line thereof, after the word  
7 "advisable," the words "upon the recommenda-  
8 tion of the board of park commissioners herein-  
9 after mentioned;" also by adding, at the end  
10 thereof, the words "the fee of such real estate  
11 and lands shall vest in said city," so that said  
12 section will read as follows:—

13 *Section 1.* The city of Cambridge, by its city  
14 council, at any time after the passage of this act,  
15 may take and hold, by purchase or otherwise, any

16 and all such real estate and lands within said city  
17 as it may deem advisable, upon the recommenda-  
18 tion of the board of park commissioners herein-  
19 after mentioned, and may lay out, maintain and  
20 improve the same as a public park or parks. The  
21 fee of such real estate and lands shall vest in said  
22 city.

1 SECT. 2. Section eight of said chapter is  
2 hereby amended by striking out, in the eighth  
3 line thereof, the words "two hundred thousand  
4 dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words  
5 "five hundred thousand dollars," so that said  
6 section shall read as follows: —

7 *Section 2.* For the purpose of defraying the  
8 cost of such real estate and lands as may be pur-  
9 chased, taken or held for the purposes aforesaid  
10 and of constructing the park or parks authorized  
11 by this act, and paying all expenses incident  
12 thereto, the city council of Cambridge shall have  
13 authority to issue, in excess of the limit allowed  
14 by law, scrip or bonds to be denominated on the  
15 face thereof, Cambridge park loan, to an amount  
16 not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars,  
17 bearing interest not exceeding four and one-half  
18 per centum per annum, payable semi-annually,  
19 the principal to be payable at periods of not more  
20 than thirty years from the issuing of such scrip  
21 or bonds respectively. Said city council may sell  
22 the same or any part thereof from time to time,  
23 or pledge the same for money borrowed for the  
24 above purposes; but the same shall not be sold

25 or pledged for less than the par value thereof.  
26 The provisions of the tenth and eleventh sections  
27 of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes  
28 shall, so far as applicable, apply to this act.

1     SECT. 3. Said chapter is further amended by  
2 striking out the ninth section thereof and by  
3 inserting in place thereof the two following  
4 sections:—

5     *Section 9.* Said city may make rules for the  
6 use and government of such park or parks, and  
7 for breaches of such rules affix penalties not  
8 exceeding twenty dollars for one offence, to be  
9 imposed by any court of competent jurisdiction;  
10 may appoint a police force to act in such parks;  
11 and generally may do all acts needful for the  
12 proper execution of the powers and duties  
13 granted to or imposed upon such city by this  
14 act: *provided, however,* that no land shall be  
15 taken or any other thing involving an expendi-  
16 ture of money be done under this act until an  
17 appropriation sufficient to cover the estimated  
18 expense thereof shall have been made by a vote  
19 of two-thirds of each branch of the city council;  
20 and such expenditures shall in no case exceed  
21 the appropriations made therefor, and all con-  
22 tracts made for expenditures beyond the amount  
23 of such appropriations shall be void.

24     *Section 10.* All the rights, powers and author-  
25 ity given to the city of Cambridge by this act,  
26 except for the taking of land and assessment of  
27 betterments, shall be exercised by said city,

28 subject to all duties, liabilities and restrictions  
29 herein contained, through a board of persons to  
30 be appointed by said city, who shall be styled  
31 “park commissioners.”

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 acceptance by the city council of Cambridge.





