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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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SENATE, March 26, 1897.

The committee on Drainage, to whom was recommitted the Bill relative to sewers (printed as House, No. 447), report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

L. H. BARTLETT.

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

Relative to the Apportionment of Sewer Assessments.

*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 ninety-  
2 seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred  
3 and ninety-one, as amended by chapter three hun-  
4 dred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen  
5 hundred and ninety-three, is hereby amended by  
6 inserting in the second line, after the word "coun-  
7 cil," the words "and in towns which by vote of  
8 the legal voters at a town meeting called for the  
9 purpose," so as to read as follows:—

10 *Section 1.* In cities which by vote of the city  
11 council, and in towns which by vote of the legal  
12 voters at a town meeting called for the purpose,  
13 accept the provisions of this act, if the owner of  
14 real estate therein within thirty days after notice  
15 of a sewer assessment thereon, or of any charges

16 made for entering or using any public sewer, noti-  
17 fies in writing the board of assessors to apportion  
18 the same, said board shall apportion the same into  
19 such number of equal parts, not exceeding ten, as  
20 said owner shall in said notice state. The assess-  
21 ors shall add one of said parts with interest to  
22 the annual tax of said real estate for each year  
23 next ensuing until all said parts have been so  
24 added. Such assessments or charges, or appor-  
25 tionments thereof, shall constitute a lien upon the  
26 real estate, and may be collected according to the  
27 provisions of law made for the collection of taxes  
28 upon real estate. All liens for the collection of  
29 such assessments or charges shall continue until  
30 the expiration of two years from the time when  
31 the last instalment is committed to the collector,  
32 and interest shall be added to all such assess-  
33 ments or charges until they are paid: *provided*  
34 that nothing herein contained shall be construed  
35 to prevent the payment at any time in one pay-  
36 ment of any balance of said assessments or  
37 charges then remaining unpaid, notwithstanding  
38 a prior apportionment.

1 SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.

