

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 680.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of the mayor of Boston. Railroads].

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

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### AN ACT

To provide for the Abolishing of the Grade Crossings in  
East Boston.

*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 superior court for the county of  
2 Suffolk may, on the petition of the mayor of the city of  
3 Boston, appoint three commissioners to proceed under the  
4 provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-eight of the  
5 acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety, and acts in  
6 amendment or addition thereto, and prescribe the method  
7 of abolishing such grade crossings in East Boston as they  
8 shall deem the public necessity and convenience require  
9 should be abolished, and if they deem it necessary in  
10 abolishing said crossings, may prescribe a new location  
11 for the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad Com-  
12 pany, which may be in any of the public streets in East  
13 Boston, or others, and may prescribe other locations for  
14 the Boston and Maine Railroad, for the Eastern Railroad,

15 for the Boston and Albany Railroad, and for the Grand  
16 Junction Railroad. All such locations shall be subject  
17 to the approval of the board of railroad commissioners.

1 SECTION 2. In case said commission shall prescribe a  
2 location in the public streets for the Revere Beach Rail-  
3 road as aforesaid, said company may use electricity as its  
4 motive power for the operation of its cars.

1 SECTION 3. Said commission shall apportion the  
2 expense of making all such changes between the different  
3 railroads, the city and the state, as in their opinion  
4 justice and equity require, considering all the relations  
5 of the parties.

1 SECTION 4. Said commission may also prescribe that  
2 any of said railroad companies owning any locations,  
3 tunnels, terminals, ferry boats, ferry landings and other  
4 property in East Boston shall transfer the same or such  
5 part thereof as shall be designated by said commission to  
6 said city or to either of said railroad companies, and shall  
7 prescribe the sums to be paid for such property by the  
8 corporations or city to whom the same is so transferred;  
9 and if any party is aggrieved by any sum so prescribed,  
10 he may have the sum determined by a jury in the superior  
11 court for the county of Suffolk, on petition therefor, in  
12 the same manner and under the same rules of law, so far  
13 as applicable, as the value of land taken in laying out  
14 highways in said city is determined.

1 SECTION 5. All provisions of said chapter four hundred  
2 and thirty-eight not inconsistent with the provisions of  
3 this act shall apply to said commission and their doings  
4 in the premises.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.



