

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 712.

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[Bill accompanying the petition of Judson Strong, Jr. Roads and  
Bridges.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

### AN ACT

To authorize and require the County Commissioners of the County of Hampden to construct a Bridge across the Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield.

*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 county commissioners of the county of  
2 Hampden are hereby authorized and required within two  
3 years from the passage of this act, to construct a bridge, with  
4 suitable approaches thereto, across the Connecticut River be-  
5 tween the city of Springfield and the town of West Spring-  
6 field, at or near the present location of the old covered bridge,  
7 so called, having for its easterly terminus Bridge street in  
8 said Springfield, and for its westerly terminus Bridge street  
9 in said West Springfield.

1 SECTION 2. All expenses incurred under this act, including  
2 all expenses of maintaining and keeping in repair said bridge

3 when completed, shall be borne and paid by said county of  
4 Hampden, said city of Springfield and said town of West  
5 Springfield, as follows: The whole cost of construction  
6 thereof shall be paid by said county, said city of Springfield  
7 repaying to said county one-third thereof, and said town of  
8 West Springfield repaying to said county one-sixth thereof;  
9 and all cost of maintaining and repairing said bridge there-  
10 after shall be borne by said city and town, said city of  
11 Springfield paying two-thirds of such cost, and said town of  
12 West Springfield paying one-third of such cost; and said  
13 county of Hampden shall repay to said city and town,  
14 annually, one-half the sums so paid by them.

1 SECTION 3. If for the purpose of constructing said bridge,  
2 with suitable approaches thereto, the county commissioners of  
3 said county of Hampden deem it necessary to take and ap-  
4 propriate and use the lands and property of private owners,  
5 said county commissioners are hereby authorized to enter  
6 upon, take, appropriate and use such lands and property.

1 SECTION 4. Said county commissioners shall estimate and  
2 determine all damages that may be sustained by any party  
3 or parties by the taking, appropriating and using of land  
4 and property as aforesaid; but any party aggrieved by such  
5 determination may have his damages assessed by a jury in the  
6 same manner as is provided by law with respect to damages  
7 sustained by reason of the laying out of ways.

1 SECTION 5. Said county commissioners are hereby author-  
2 ized to borrow upon the credit of said county such sums as  
3 may be necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of  
4 this act.

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



