

HOUSE No. 283.

[Bill accompanying the petition of Walter L. Sears. Water Supply.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize Cities and Towns to furnish Water
Free of Charge in Certain Cases.

*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. Any city or town accepting
2 the provisions of this act shall, from and after
3 January first of the year succeeding such accept-
4 ance, furnish free of charge water for such do-
5 mestic or public purposes, or both, as shall be
6 determined by the water commissioner or other
7 officer having charge of the water works of such
8 city or town, with the approval of the mayor of
9 such city or the selectmen of such town, under
10 such regulations as such commissioner or
11 other officer with such approval may prescribe,

12 and after such acceptance said commissioner or
13 officer with such approval shall establish water
14 rates to be paid for water furnished for other than
15 domestic or public purposes, or both, as so deter-
16 mined.

1 SECTION 2. Any deficiency as estimated by
2 the city council of the city or the inhabitants of
3 the town, in the amount appropriated for the
4 maintenance of such works, including pumping,
5 extensions and renewals of pipe and other appli-
6 ances, and interest and sinking fund requirements
7 for loans issued for water purposes, shall be met
8 by taxation upon the real estate of such city or
9 town.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall apply in any city
2 when accepted by the city council thereof; and in
3 any town when accepted by vote of the inhabi-
4 tants at any meeting in the warrant for which has
5 been inserted a notice that the question of the
6 acceptance of this act will be voted on.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

