

HOUSE No. 47

Bill accompanying the petition of Butler Ames and others for legislation to authorize the Boston, Lowell and Lawrence Electric Railroad Company to construct elevated and subway structures in the cities of Lowell, Lawrence, Somerville and Boston. Street Railways. January 8.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To authorize the Boston, Lowell and Lawrence Electric Railroad Company to construct Elevated and Subway Structures in the Cities of Lowell, Lawrence, Somerville and 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 Boston, Lowell and Lawrence
2 Electric Railroad Company, hereinafter called the
3 company, which term shall be deemed to include its
4 successors and assigns, may construct subway and
5 elevated stations and lines of subway and elevated
6 railway in the locations hereinafter described in

7 Lowell and Lawrence, and elevated stations and
8 lines of elevated railway in the location hereinafter
9 described in the cities of Somerville and Boston, ac-
10 cording to such plans or systems, grades or eleva-
11 tions and upon any routes and locations as may be
12 approved by the board of railroad commissioners,
13 hereinafter called the board, within the following lo-
14 cations, to wit: — In Lowell beginning at a point at
15 the intersection of the lines of the westerly bank of
16 the Concord river and the northerly side of Church
17 street, thence running westerly along the northerly
18 side of Church street to the corner of Church street
19 and Warren street, thence running in a northerly
20 and northwesterly and westerly direction along the
21 easterly, northeasterly and northerly side of War-
22 ren street to a point on the westerly side of Central
23 street opposite the northeasterly corner of the inter-
24 section of Warren and Central streets, thence south-
25 erly and southeasterly along the westerly side of
26 Central street to a point opposite the southwestly
27 corner of the intersection of Central and Church
28 streets, thence easterly along the southerly side of
29 Church street to the westerly bank of the Concord
30 river and thence across Church street to the point of
31 beginning. In Lawrence beginning at a point on the
32 westerly side of Broadway opposite the southeast-
33 erly corner of the intersection of Broadway and
34 Merrimack street, thence running in a northerly di-
35 rection along the westerly side of Broadway across
36 the Merrimack river to the northwesterly corner of
37 the intersection of Broadway and Essex street,
38 thence in an easterly direction along the northerly
39 side of Essex street to the northeasterly corner of
40 the intersection of Essex street and Franklin street.

41 thence in a southerly direction along the easterly
42 side of Franklin street to a point on the southerly
43 side of Canal street opposite the northeasterly cor-
44 ner of the intersection of Franklin street and Canal
45 street, thence in a westerly direction along the
46 southerly side of Canal street to the southeasterly
47 corner of the intersection of Canal street and
48 Broadway, thence in a southerly direction along
49 the easterly side of Broadway across the Merrimack
50 river to the southeasterly corner of Broadway at
51 its intersection with Merrimack street, thence across
52 Broadway to the point of beginning; and beginning
53 at a point on the westerly side of Broadway oppo-
54 site the northeasterly corner of the intersection of
55 Broadway and Merrimack street, thence running
56 in an easterly direction across Broadway and along
57 the northerly side of Merrimack street to a point
58 opposite the southeasterly corner of Farwell's
59 bleachery, thence in a northerly direction along the
60 easterly end of said Farwell's bleachery over and
61 across the Merrimack river to the northwesterly
62 corner of the intersection of Canal street and Ames-
63 bury street, thence along the westerly side of
64 Amesbury street to the northwesterly corner of
65 the intersection of Amesbury street and Essex
66 street, thence in an easterly direction along the
67 northerly side of Essex street to the northeasterly
68 corner of the intersection of Essex street and Law-
69 rence street, thence in a southerly direction along
70 the easterly side of said Lawrence street to and
71 across Canal street continuing in a southerly direc-
72 tion over and across the Merrimack river touching
73 the northwesterly corner of Lewis's mill to a point
74 on the southerly side of Merrimack street opposite

75 the said Lewis's mill, thence continuing in a west-
76 erly direction along the southerly side of Merri-
77 mack street to a point on the westerly side of
78 Broadway opposite the southeasterly corner of the
79 intersection of Broadway and Merrimack street,
80 thence along the westerly side of Broadway to
81 the point of beginning. In Somerville and Boston
82 that location covered by Mystic avenue and Main
83 street beginning on Mystic avenue in Somerville
84 five hundred feet north of the intersection of the
85 Somerville and Boston city line and Mystic avenue
86 and thence running southerly following Mystic
87 avenue in Somerville and Boston to Main street
88 and Main street in Boston to the intersection of
89 Main street and Alford street.

90 The company may construct, subject to the ap-
91 proval of the board, at such grade and elevation
92 as may be approved of by the board, terminals,
93 branches, spurs, sidings, turn-outs, storage facil-
94 ities, connections, deflections, switches, extensions
95 and other structures within the locations herein-
96 before specified, and such loop lines in connection
97 with and within the locations hereinbefore speci-
98 fied, through or across such streets, ways or lands,
99 as may be necessary or convenient to turn its
100 trains or to reverse the direction thereof, and may
101 be approved by the board; all of which with the
102 terminals are hereinafter called appurtenances.

1 SECTION 2. The company may lease, purchase
2 or take by eminent domain, as provided for takings
3 by such companies in chapter five hundred and
4 sixteen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred
5 and six and acts in addition thereto and amend-
6 ment thereof, for the purpose of constructing such

7 subways, elevated lines and appurtenances, and
8 for any purpose necessary for the construction or
9 convenient use by the company or the public of its
10 said railroad, and for any purposes authorized by
11 this act or the charter, the fee or any other interest
12 in any land within the hereinbefore specified loca-
13 tions.

1 SECTION 3. In the construction, maintenance
2 and operation of its subways and elevated lines
3 and appurtenances the company shall have the
4 rights, powers and privileges and be subject to the
5 duties, restrictions and liabilities prescribed in
6 respect to such companies in chapter five hundred
7 and sixteen of the acts of the year nineteen hun-
8 dred and six and the acts in addition thereto and
9 in amendment thereof. Nothing herein contained
10 shall be deemed to limit the other rights and privi-
11 leges conferred on said company by virtue of said
12 acts.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon the
2 issuance to the company by the board under the
3 authority conferred upon the board by virtue of
4 chapter five hundred and sixteen of the acts of
5 the year nineteen hundred and six, of a certificate
6 that public convenience and necessity require the
7 construction of an electric railroad between the
8 cities of Boston, Lowell and Lawrence or any two
9 of said cities as proposed in an agreement filed by
10 the company in accordance with said chapter of
11 said acts.

