

HOUSE No. 245

Bill accompanying the petition of George F. Swain and another for legislation to provide for an investigation of the water resources of the commonwealth and for the determination of the amount of available water power. Joint Ways and Means. January 18.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nine.

AN ACT

To provide for an Investigation of the Water Resources of the Commonwealth and for determining the Best Methods of securing their Economic Development.

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 sum of five thousand dollars is
2 hereby appropriated for the determination of the
3 amount of water power available on the streams
4 of the commonwealth and for a study of the best
5 methods of utilizing the water power possibilities
6 and thereby providing for the benefit of the people
7 of the commonwealth information that will serve
8 to increase industrial development.

1 SECTION 2. The governor is hereby empowered
2 to enter into a contract with the director of the
3 United States geological survey for the purpose
4 of making such investigations: *provided*, that said
5 director shall agree to expend a like sum of money
6 within the commonwealth for such purposes; and
7 *provided, further*, that, if said director should
8 find that, by reason of the failure of the congress
9 of the United States to provide a general appro-
10 priation sufficient to enable him to make an allot-
11 ment of five thousand dollars for such work in this
12 commonwealth, the governor is empowered to ex-
13 ecute a contract for any part of the amount hereby
14 appropriated, which part shall be equal to that al-
15 lotted by said director.

1 SECTION 3. The appropriation provided for in
2 section one of this act shall be expended by the
3 commonwealth in accordance with the laws relat-
4 ing to and the regulation of the United States
5 geological survey in such cases provided, payment
6 to be made on vouchers audited and approved by
7 said director of said survey when presented to the
8 auditor of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. A brief progress report of work
2 done under the foregoing sections shall be made
3 to the governor by the director of the United States
4 geological survey on January one, nineteen hundred
5 and ten, and a final report shall be made on or be-
6 fore January one, nineteen hundred and eleven,
7 embodying the complete results of the investiga-
8 tions.