

construction of said state highway across the railroad location of The Chester and Becket Railroad Company by means of an overhead bridge forty-four and five tenths feet in width and its approaches, including such other structures as were erected within said location by said department in the construction of said state highway, are hereby validated, ratified and confirmed, in so far as either one of such takings or such construction may be invalid by reason of want of authority of said department, and all rights of the owners or the lessee or lessees of said owners with reference to claims for damages on account of said takings or construction are hereby declared not to be affected by want of authority of said department as aforesaid, and the time within which said owners or lessee or lessees may petition the superior court for assessment of damages on account of the taking of said parcels or the construction aforesaid is hereby extended for one year from the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. The department of public works is hereby authorized to grant to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, under such terms and conditions as said department may impose, easements in parcel numbered forty-seven, described in section one, consisting of the right to have the land and the location of said railroad protected by the construction and maintenance of an embankment or slope within said parcel, in a manner to be determined by the said department.

Department of public works may grant certain slope easements to the Boston and Albany Railroad Company, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 9, 1931.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE OF LOCAL FUNDS FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF THE BICENTENARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE TOWN OF DUDLEY AND THE CENTENNIAL OF THE INCORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF WEBSTER.

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*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The towns of Dudley and Webster, respectively, may make appropriations in nineteen hundred and thirty-one and nineteen hundred and thirty-two for the observance and celebration in nineteen hundred and thirty-two of the two hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Dudley and the one hundredth anniversary of the incorporation of Webster. Said towns may, if and as authorized by vote in town meeting, expend money so appropriated for the purpose of jointly observing and celebrating said anniversaries.

Appropriation and expenditure of local funds for the observance of the bicentenary of the settlement of the town of Dudley and the centennial of the incorporation of the town of Webster.

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

*Approved June 9, 1931.*