

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1344

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 3, 1910.

The committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 534) of Andrew N. Maxon and others for legislation to authorize the city of Woonsocket to extend its water system into the town of Blackstone, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

JULIUS GUILD.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

### AN ACT

To authorize the City of Woonsocket in the State of Rhode Island to supply Water to the Inhabitants of the Town of Blackstone.

*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 city of Woonsocket, in the state  
2 of Rhode Island, a municipal corporation, is hereby  
3 authorized to supply water for the extinguishment  
4 of fire and for domestic and other purposes to the  
5 inhabitants of that part of the town of Blackstone  
6 included within the limits of precinct one as estab-  
7 lished by said town, and known as Blackstone vil-  
8 lage.

1 SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid, the said  
2 city of Woonsocket may construct and lay conduits,  
3 pipes and other works under or over any lands,  
4 water courses, railroads, railways, and public or  
5 private ways, and along such ways in said precinct  
6 above described, and for the purpose of construct-  
7 ing, maintaining and repairing such conduits, pipes  
8 or other works, and for all proper purposes of this

9 act may enter upon and dig up such lands and  
10 ways: *provided, however,* that the said city shall  
11 not enter upon or dig up any private land or private  
12 way except with the consent of the owner or  
13 owners thereof, or any public way except with the  
14 consent of the selectmen; and said city shall re-  
15 store to the satisfaction of the selectmen the public  
16 ways dug up or otherwise disturbed therein, and  
17 shall pay all damages sustained by any person in  
18 consequence of any act or neglect of said city, its  
19 agents and employees, in digging up or otherwise  
20 disturbing any lands or public or private ways  
21 under authority hereof; and *provided, further,* that  
22 no source of water supply for domestic purposes  
23 shall be acquired or used under this act without  
24 the consent and approval of the state board of  
25 health.

1 SECTION 3. The said city of Woonsocket may  
2 distribute water through said precinct one, above  
3 described, or any part thereof; may regulate the  
4 use of said water, and fix and collect rates therefor;  
5 and the town of Blackstone, or any individual or  
6 corporation, may make such contracts with the said  
7 city of Woonsocket for the use of water for the ex-  
8 tinguishment of fires and for other purposes as may  
9 be agreed upon between said town, individual or  
10 corporation and the said city, and said city may  
11 establish and maintain fountains and hydrants  
12 within said precinct, and may relocate or discon-  
13 tinue the same.

1 SECTION 4. The town of Blackstone shall have  
2 the right at any time to take by purchase or other-

3 wise the property and all rights and privileges of  
4 the city of Woonsocket within the town of Black-  
5 stone, on payment to said city of a sum to be fixed  
6 by said town in annual town meeting, and said  
7 city.

8 In case the said town shall vote to purchase the  
9 said property, rights and privileges, and cannot  
10 agree with said city of Woonsocket upon the  
11 amount to be paid therefor, then, upon a suit in  
12 equity brought either by said city of Woonsocket  
13 or by the said town, the supreme judicial court shall  
14 ascertain and fix such sum and shall enforce the  
15 right of the said town to take possession of the  
16 said property upon payment of such sum.

1 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its  
2 passage.