

HOUSE No. 187

Bill accompanying the petition of the mayor and city solicitor of the city of Brockton that said city be authorized to create trustees for Melrose Cemetery in said city. Cities. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Nineteen.

AN ACT

To authorize the City of Brockton^m to establish a^{fr} Board of Trustees to have the Care, Management and^r Control of Melrose Cemetery in said City.

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. Melrose cemetery shall be under the entire
2 care, management and control of a board of trustees,
3 which shall make such rules and regulations, not in-
4 consistent with law, in relation to the use and manage-
5 ment of said cemetery as they shall deem necessary or
6 expedient.

1 SECTION 2. Said board of trustees shall consist of
2 five members to be elected in joint convention of the
3 city council in January, nineteen hundred and twenty,
4 one to be chosen for a term of five years, one for four

5 years, one for three years, one for two years and one
6 for one year, and thereafter in each succeeding year in
7 like manner one trustee shall be elected to serve for
8 the term of five years, such trustee to hold office until
9 his successor shall be chosen and qualified. In addition
10 to the above trustees the mayor shall be a member of
11 said board ex-officio and the chairman of the body.
12 Vacancies in said board from death, resignation or other-
13 wise shall be filled at a special joint convention that may
14 be called by the mayor, the member chosen to serve for
15 the unexpired term of the retiring member. No person
16 shall be eligible to the office of trustee aforesaid unless
17 he is a resident of the city of Brockton, and also the
18 owner or part owner of a lot in said Melrose cemetery.

1 SECTION 3. Annually on the second Monday of Jan-
2 uary beginning with the year nineteen hundred and
3 twenty said board of trustees shall meet and organize,
4 they shall elect a superintendent for the ensuing year
5 and fix his compensation, such compensation to be sub-
6 ject, however, to the approval of the city council. Such
7 superintendent shall be under the direction and control
8 of the trustees and perform such duties as they shall
9 delegate to him.

1 SECTION 4. Such board of trustees shall have au-
2 thority to expend all money derived as revenue from the
3 conduct of said cemetery and such further sums as the
4 city council may from time to time appropriate for the
5 maintenance of the same: *provided, however,* that all
6 contracts calling for the expenditure of more than three
7 hundred dollars shall not be legal or binding without the
8 approval of the mayor.

1 SECTION 5. All authority and powers heretofore vested
2 in the mayor and burial grounds committee of the city
3 council shall cease after the first Monday of January,
4 nineteen hundred and twenty, and such authority and
5 powers shall then be vested in said board of trustees.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall supersede all provisions of
2 the ordinances of the city so far as the same are incon-
3 sistent herewith.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its accept-
2 ance by the city council of the said city and the approval
3 of the mayor, provided that such acceptance occurs prior
4 to December thirty-first in the year nineteen hundred
5 nineteen.

