

SENATE...No. 195.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN SENATE, May 5, 1855.

The Joint Committee on Towns, to whom was committed the Petition of Joshua Jenkins and others, praying to set off Washington Village in Dorchester, and annex the same to the city of Boston, report the accompanying Bill.

J. D. BLACK, *Chairman.*

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In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty-  
Five.

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AN ACT

To set off a part of the Town of Dorchester and annex  
the same to the City of 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   SECT. 1. All that territory of the town of Dor-  
2 chester, in the county of Norfolk, which lies north-  
3 easterly of a line extending from a stake and stones  
4 on the head-land near the line between the said  
5 town of Dorchester and the city of Roxbury in said  
6 county of Norfolk, north fifty-six degrees west across  
7 the easterly side of the Old Colony Railroad one hun-  
8 dred and forty feet from the centre of a culvert next  
9 south of said line two thousand eight hundred and

10 twenty-three feet (2,823) to a stake and stones on the  
11 head-land ; thence in a straight line to the centre of  
12 the channel of Dorchester Bay, which is the dividing  
13 line between said Dorchester and the town of Quincy,  
14 with all the inhabitants and estates therein, is hereby  
15 set off from the town of Dorchester and annexed to the  
16 city of Boston in the county of Suffolk, and shall here-  
17 after be considered and deemed to be a part of the city  
18 of Boston : *provided*, that the said territory and the in-  
19 habitants thereon, set off as aforesaid, shall be holden  
20 to pay all such taxes as are already assessed or ordered  
21 to be assessed by said town of Dorchester, not extend-  
22 ing beyond the first day of May eighteen hundred and  
23 fifty-six, in the same manner as if this act had not  
24 been passed ; and *provided, further*, that all paupers  
25 who have gained a settlement in said town of Dor-  
26 chester by a settlement gained or derived within said  
27 territory, shall be relieved or supported by said city  
28 of Boston in the same manner as if they had a legal  
29 settlement in said city of Boston.

1     SECT. 2.   The said inhabitants hereby set off to the  
2 city of Boston shall continue to be a part of Dor-  
3 chester for the purpose of electing State officers,  
4 senators and representatives to the general court, rep-  
5 resentatives to congress, and electors of president and  
6 vice-president of the United States, until the next  
7 decennial census shall be taken, or until another  
8 apportionment of representatives to the general court  
9 shall be made ; and it shall be the duty of the mayor  
10 and aldermen of said city of Boston to make a true  
11 list of the persons residing on the territory hereby  
12 annexed thereto, qualified to vote at such elections,

13 and post up the same in said territory, and cor-  
14 rect the same as required by law, and deliver the  
15 same to the selectmen of said town of Dorchester  
16 seven days, at least, before any such election ; and the  
17 same shall be taken and used by the selectmen of Dor-  
18 chester for such election, in the same manner as if it  
19 had been prepared by themselves.

1     SECT. 3. The mayor and aldermen of the city of  
2 Boston shall be and hereby are authorized to lay out  
3 and grade such streets and lanes over the said tract,  
4 within twelve months from the passage of this act, as  
5 in their judgment the interests of the proprietors of  
6 lands in said tract and the public convenience may  
7 require: *provided*, said proprietors shall relinquish  
8 any claim for damages or compensation for the land  
9 over which said streets and lanes are so laid out and  
10 graded, within the time aforesaid.

1     SECT. 4. This act shall take effect from and after  
2 its passage.