

HOUSE No. 107.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Feb. 21, 1882.

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the Mayor of Boston for an Act authorizing the city of Boston to take land for a public library, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

WM. COGSWELL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-two.

AN ACT

To authorize the City of Boston to take Land for a
Public Library.

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 Boston is hereby author-
2 ized and empowered to take and hold, by purchase
3 or otherwise, so much land in said Boston as said
4 city may deem necessary for the erection of a public
5 library, and for a yard for the same; and said city
6 may appropriate and use therefor any land now
7 owned by it.

1 SECT. 2. Said city shall, within thirty days from
2 the time when it shall take any parcel or parcels of
3 land under this act, file in the office of the register

4 of deeds for the county of Suffolk, and cause to be
5 recorded, a description of the land so taken, as cer-
6 tain as is required in a common conveyance of land,
7 with a statement of the purpose for which it is
8 taken; which description and statement shall be
9 signed by the mayor of the city; and the city of
10 Boston shall be liable to pay all damages that shall
11 be sustained by any person or persons by reason of
12 the taking of such land as aforesaid; such damages
13 to be ascertained and determined in the manner pro-
14 vided for ascertaining and determining damages in
15 case of the laying out, altering, or discontinuing of
16 ways within the city of Boston.

1 SECT. 3. The provisions of law in relation to the
2 assessment of betterments shall not be applicable
3 to any of the takings of land under this act.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its pas-
2 sage.

