

HOUSE No. 509.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 9, 1887.

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the Bill to authorize the city of Worcester to use and occupy certain land belonging to the Commonwealth for a public park (House, No. 411), report that it ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

JACOB A. DRESSER.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize the City of Worcester to acquire, use and occupy Certain Land belonging to the Commonwealth for a Public Park.

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 Worcester is hereby
2 granted the right to acquire, hold, occupy and
3 control, upon the payment of fifteen thousand
4 dollars as hereinafter provided, all the land be-
5 longing to the Commonwealth in said city which
6 lies between Shrewsbury street, a public highway,
7 and East Shelby street, so called, a street laid out
8 by said Commonwealth over its land, containing
9 twelve acres, more or less, for the purpose of con-
10 structing and maintaining a public park.

1 SECT. 2. The said city of Worcester, by its

2 board of park commissioners, shall within two
3 years from the passage of this act, lay out and
4 establish a public park over all said land, by suit-
5 able filling, grading and draining, and by suitable
6 cultivation and ornamentation for the uses of said
7 park, and shall thereafter keep and maintain said
8 grounds in a neat and ornamental condition.

1 SECT. 3. The trustees of the state lunatic
2 hospital at Worcester are authorized to receive
3 the said sum of fifteen thousand dollars, and to
4 convey the said land to said city of Worcester in
5 conformity with the provisions of this act, and of
6 those of section four of chapter two hundred and
7 thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hun-
8 dred and seventy; but the trustees may make
9 such conditions or reservations concerning a
10 street or streets as they shall judge desirable.

1 SECT. 4. The board of park commissioners of
2 the city of Worcester shall have the same powers
3 and authority with reference to said land as it
4 now has with reference to other parks laid out in
5 said city, except the power to assess betterments
6 accruing to real estate by locating and laying out
7 said land as a public park.

1 SECT. 5. After said land is so laid out as a
2 public park, the said city is hereby authorized to
3 raise, appropriate and expend such sums as it may
4 deem best for the improvement of said park, sub-

5 ject to the laws of this Commonwealth limiting
6 municipal indebtedness.

1 SECT. 6. This act shall take effect upon its
2 acceptance by the city of Worcester: *provided*, it
3 be accepted within two years from the date of its
4 passage.