

HOUSE No. 673.

[Bill accompanying the petition of the selectmen of Melrose. Drainage.]

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-four.

AN ACT

To authorize the Town of Melrose to incur Indebtedness for
the Purpose of Constructing a System of Sewerage.

*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 town of Melrose, for the purpose of
2 defraying the expense of laying, making and maintaining
3 a system of main drains and common sewers, is hereby
4 authorized to issue from time to time, as may be required
5 therefor, bonds, notes or scrip to an amount not exceed-
6 ing one hundred thousand dollars. Such bonds, notes or
7 scrip shall bear on their face the words, "Melrose sew-
8 erage loan, act of eighteen hundred and ninety-four;"
9 shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceed-
10 ing thirty years from the date of issue, shall bear interest
11 payable semi-annually at a rate not exceeding four per

12 cent. per annum, and shall be signed by the treasurer
13 and countersigned by the sewerage commissioners of the
14 town. The said town may sell such securities or any
15 part thereof, from time to time, at public or private sale,
16 but none of said bonds, notes or scrip shall be issued or
17 sold except in compliance with the vote of the town, and
18 for less than the par value thereof.

1 SECT. 2. The receipts from payments, assessments,
2 and for such annual rates for the use of such sewers as
3 said town may by vote establish, after deducting the
4 expenses, shall be applied first to the payment of the
5 interest upon the bonds, notes or scrip issued under the
6 authority of this act not otherwise provided for, and the
7 balance shall be set apart to meet the requirements of the
8 sinking fund for the payment or redemption of said
9 bonds, notes or scrip, provided by section nine of chap-
10 ter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes. If the said re-
11 ceipts in any year shall be insufficient to pay the interest
12 on said bonds, notes or scrip, and to meet the require-
13 ments of law as to said sinking fund, then in such case
14 the town to meet said deficiency shall raise forthwith
15 such sum as will, with said net income, be sufficient to
16 meet said requirements. Said sinking fund shall remain
17 sacred and inviolate and pledged to the payment and
18 redemption of such bonds, notes or scrip, and shall be
19 used for no other purpose.

1 SECT. 3. The board of sewerage commissioners of
2 said town on the written request, made within three
3 months after notification of assessment, of any owner of
4 an estate assessed by said commissioners for its propor-
5 tional part of the charge of making and maintaining such
6 main drains or common sewers, shall apportion such
7 assessment into such number of equal parts or instal-

8 ments, not exceeding five, as said owner shall state in
9 such request, and said board shall certify such appor-
10 tionment to the assessors of said town, and one of said parts
11 or instalments, with interest from the date of said appor-
12 tionment at the rate of five per centum per annum, shall
13 be added by the assessors to the annual tax on such
14 estates for each year next ensuing, until all of said parts
15 have been so added and paid: *provided*, that nothing
16 herein contained shall be construed to prevent the pay-
17 ment at any time, in one payment, of any balance of said
18 assessments then remaining unpaid, notwithstanding such
19 prior apportionment. All liens for the collection of such
20 assessment shall continue until the expiration of two
21 years from the time when the last instalment is added by
22 the assessors, and remitted to the collector.

1 SECT. 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

