

HOUSE No. 473.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 25, 1887.

The Joint Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the petition of the city of Salem for authority to assess betterments for the expense incurred under chapter 324 of the Acts of 1886, report the accompanying Bill.

For the Committee,

J. O. TEELE.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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

AN ACT

To authorize the City of Salem to Assess Betterments in Certain Cases.

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. Everything which it is declared
2 in chapter three hundred and twenty-four of the
3 acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and
4 eighty-six that the city of Salem may do shall be
5 deemed to be done under the provisions of chap-
6 ter fifty-one of the Public Statutes; and upon the
7 taking by said city of any land or flats under the
8 provisions of said chapter three hundred and
9 twenty-four the board of aldermen of said city,
10 except as herein otherwise provided, shall have
11 and exercise all the rights, powers and authority
12 in relation to the assessment of betterments that
13 said board would have under said chapter fifty-

14 one in case said land were taken for the purpose
15 of laying out highways.

1 SECT. 2. The declaration required by section
2 eleven of said chapter fifty-one may be filed at
3 any time within ten days after said city shall
4 have taken land or flats under the provisions of
5 said chapter three hundred and twenty-four.
6 The expense to be assessed shall be the whole
7 expense incurred by the city in doing any and all
8 things which it is declared in said chapter three
9 hundred and twenty-four that said city may do,
10 deducting therefrom all amounts received from
11 the sale of lands filled under the authority of
12 said last-named chapter, and the value as esti-
13 mated by said board of any land so filled which
14 has not at the time of such assessment been sold,
15 and which it is not necessary that said city should
16 retain for the purposes for which it was taken;
17 and the work shall be held to be completed at
18 such time, not more than three years after the
19 passage of this act, as said board may by vote
20 determine, provided that this act shall not pre-
21 vent any assessment of betterments which might
22 be made had this act not been passed.

1 SECT. 3. This act shall take effect upon its
2 acceptance by the city council of said city at any
3 time within six months from the passage thereof.

