

SENATE No. 607

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, April 9, 1956.

The committee on Water Supply, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2561) of Nathan W. Bates and others relative to the water supply of the Cohasset Water Company and the purchase and operation of said company by the town of Cohasset, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 607).

For the committee,

RALPH LERCHE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COHASSET WATER DEPARTMENT OF CERTAIN MONEYS PAID ON ITS ACCOUNT BY THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

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. Chapter 128 of the acts of 1886 is hereby
2 amended by striking out section 14A, as inserted by
3 section 7 of chapter 489 of the acts of 1946 and inserting
4 in place thereof the following section: —

5 *Section 14A.* Said commissioners shall fix just and
6 equitable prices and rates for the use of water, subject
7 to the approval of said town, and shall prescribe the
8 time and manner of payment. The income of the water
9 works shall be appropriated to defray all operating ex-
10 penses, interest charges and payments on the principal
11 as they accrue upon any bonds or notes issued under
12 authority of this act and all acts in amendment thereof
13 and in addition thereto. If in any year there should be
14 a net surplus remaining after providing for the afore-
15 said charges for that year, such surplus, or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary to reimburse the town for
17 moneys theretofore paid on account of its water depart-
18 ment, including any funds transferred from the Reserve
19 Fund under provisions of section six of chapter forty
20 of the General Laws, which are hereby authorized, shall
21 be paid into the town treasury. If in any year there
22 should be a net surplus remaining after providing for
23 the aforesaid charges and for the payment of any such
24 reimbursement in full, such surplus may be appropri-
25 ated for such new construction as the water commis-
26 sioners, with the approval of the town, may determine

27 upon; and in case a net surplus should remain after
28 payment for such new construction the water rates shall
29 be reduced proportionately. All authority vested in
30 said commissioners by the foregoing provisions of this
31 section shall be subject to section fourteen. Said com-
32 missioners shall annually, and as often as the town may
33 require, render a report upon the condition of the works
34 under their charge, and an account of their doings, in-
35 cluding an account of the receipts and expenditures.

1 SECTION 2. The action taken by the town of Co-
2 hasset under Article 50 of the warrant for the annual
3 town meeting held on the third day of March, nineteen
4 hundred and fifty-six, in appropriating funds for the
5 purchase and installation of suitable water meters in
6 service lines of the water department, in pursuance of
7 section one of this act, is hereby confirmed and made
8 valid and binding to the same extent as if said act were
9 in effect at the time of the posting of the warrant for
10 said town meeting.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

