

SENATE . . . . No. 85.

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[To accompany the petition of William H. Lott for legislation relative to the appointment of the board of street commissioners of the city of Boston and for enlarging their powers. Cities.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred.

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AN ACT

Relative to the Street Commissioners of the City  
of Boston.

*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 street commissioners of the  
2 city of Boston shall continue to constitute a board  
3 to be known as the street commissioners of the  
4 city of Boston, and they shall hereafter be selected  
5 from the two leading political parties and be ap-  
6 pointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by  
7 the governor of the Commonwealth, as follows:  
8 One for the term of one year, one for the term of  
9 two years, one for the term of three years, and

10 thereafter, as said terms expire, one commissioner  
11 shall be appointed for the term of three years;  
12 each term aforesaid shall begin with the first day  
13 of May of the current year, and the term of each  
14 commissioner appointed thereafter shall begin with  
15 the first day of May of the year in which the term  
16 of the commissioner whom he succeeds expires.  
17 Every commissioner shall hold office after the ex-  
18 piration of his term until his successor is appointed  
19 and approved, but may be removed at any time by  
20 the mayor with the approval of the governor; each  
21 commissioner shall be paid a salary, the chairman  
22 at the rate of seventy-five hundred dollars per an-  
23 num, and each of the other commissioners at the  
24 rate of six thousand dollars per annum, to be paid  
25 from the treasury of said city.

1 SECTION 2. Said board shall have charge of  
2 the department of said city known as the street  
3 laying-out department, and all acts and ordi-  
4 nances relating to departments of said city and  
5 the officers and employees thereof shall, so far as  
6 applicable and not inconsistent with this act, apply  
7 to said department and the officers and employees  
8 thereof.

1 SECTION 3. Said street commissioners, in ad-  
2 dition to the powers which they now exercise,  
3 shall have all the powers relating to and be sub-  
4 ject to all the duties of the city council, board of  
5 aldermen or common council of said city relating  
6 to the care of streets and sewers, the placing of

7 posts, wires, pipes, lamps, signs and other struc-  
8 tures in, over, under or projecting into streets;  
9 the charge, maintenance and care of ferries,  
10 bridges and public buildings. Said board shall  
11 appoint a city engineer, a superintendent of  
12 streets and other employees, define their duties  
13 and fix their compensation.

