

HOUSE No. 1637

Bill accompanying the petition (taken from the files of last year) of Melvin B. Breath and Louis R. Kiernan and others for legislation to authorize the lease of a part of the railway and property of the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company situated in the city of Chelsea to the Boston Elevated Railway Company. Street Railways. January 25.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To authorize the Boston and Northern Street Railway Company to lease its Railway and Property in the City of Chelsea to the Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The Boston and Northern Street Railway Company, by
2 votes of its board of directors and of a majority in interest
3 of its stockholders present and voting at a meeting called
4 for the purpose, may lease to the Boston Elevated Rail-
5 way Company the whole or any part of that part of its
6 railway and property located within the city of Chelsea,
7 with such of the rights and privileges connected therewith,
8 and for such period and upon such terms, and to such

9 extent, as the parties to such lease shall agree upon and
10 as shall be approved by the board of railroad commis-
11 sioners ; and said Boston Elevated Railway Company may
12 accept such a lease by votes of its board of directors and
13 of a majority in interest of its stockholders present and
14 voting at a meeting called for the purpose ; and said
15 Boston Elevated Railway Company, after such lease or
16 assignment of lease to it, may use and operate the leased
17 railway and property, rights and privileges as a part of
18 the system of railway owned or operated by it. Said
19 Boston and Northern Street Railway Company, if it
20 makes such lease may, to such extent and in such instances
21 as the board of railroad commissioners shall approve, any-
22 thing to the contrary notwithstanding in the provisions
23 of sections eighty-six and eighty-nine of chapter one hun-
24 dred and twelve of the Revised Laws and in other provi-
25 sions of law applicable thereto, readjust the fares and the
26 distances covered by fares on other parts of its system
27 established prior to or in connection with the purchase of
28 or consolidation with other street railway companies.