

HOUSE No. 301.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 9, 1873.

The Committee on Water Supply and Drainage, to whom was referred the Bill to provide a commission on grade, drainage and water supply for certain cities and towns, report that the same ought to pass in a new draft, herewith submitted.

Per order,

SAMUEL W. McDANIEL.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT

To provide for a Commission on the subject of Grade, Streets, Drainage and Water Supply for certain Cities and Towns.

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

1 SECT. 1. The governor, by and with the con-
2 sent of the council, shall appoint a commission,
3 consisting of three persons, two of whom shall be
4 competent civil engineers, one of which engineers
5 shall devote his time and personal services in con-
6 ducting and superintending all surveys, examina-
7 tions and other operations in the field, to devise
8 and report a comprehensive plan for the grades,
9 streets, avenues, drainage and water supply of all
10 that territory which is enclosed by Neponset
11 River, Charles River and Mother Brook, embrac-
12 ing the city of Boston, the whole of the towns of
13 Brookline, West Roxbury, Brighton and Newton,
14 and a portion of the town of Hyde Park; and also
15 the territory lying between Charles River and

16 Mystic River, with so much of the basin of Mystic
17 River on its northerly side as lies between Mystic
18 lower pond and Malden River, embracing the
19 whole of the cities of Charlestown, Somerville and
20 Cambridge, the towns of Arlington, Belmont,
21 Watertown, Medford, Winchester and Woburn.
22 In the preparation of said plans the present and
23 prospective requirements of said territory shall be
24 fully considered.

1 SECT. 2. Said commissioners may enter upon
2 and make surveys in any lands within the terri-
3 tory mentioned in the first section of this act and
4 employ all necessary assistance, and shall report
5 annually to the governor and council, on or before
6 the fifteenth day of December, the progress which
7 they have made, and the expenses incurred; and
8 copies of said report shall be sent to the mayor and
9 aldermen of the cities, and the selectmen of the
10 towns, covered by the investigations. Said plans
11 shall be completed and the final report thereon
12 made, by the fifteenth day of December, in the
13 year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-
14 five.

1 SECT. 3. The compensation of the members of
2 said commission shall be fixed by the governor and
3 council, which, with the expenses incurred by them,
4 shall be paid by the treasurer of the Common-
5 wealth on the warrant of the governor, and the
6 same shall be equitably assessed, after notice and
7 hearing by the governor and council, upon the
8 cities and towns mentioned in this act benefited
9 thereby and according to the benefit which they

10 severally may derive therefrom; and the state
11 treasurer shall from time to time, upon the warrant
12 of the governor, make a requisition upon the
13 treasurers of the said cities and towns for the pay-
14 ment of the amounts due from them respectively,
15 and said amounts shall be paid into the state
16 treasury within thirty days from the date of said
17 requisition.

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