

Accompanying the third recommendation of the Department of Revenue. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING CORRECTIVE CHANGES IN CERTAIN FINANCIAL PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS.

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 last sentence of the first paragraph of section
2 4B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984
3 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 25, the
4 words "director of the bureau of accounts" and inserting in place
5 thereof the words: — rate setting commission.

1 SECTION 2. Section 5C of said chapter 40, as so appearing,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting
3 in place thereof the following sentence: — To provide for
4 extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, a district may at an
5 annual or special district meeting appropriate a sum or sums not
6 exceeding, in the aggregate, five per cent of the receipts from taxes,
7 rates and services of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for
8 which the fund, to be known as the reserve fund, is established.

1 SECTION 3. Section 6 of said chapter 40, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting
3 in place thereof the following sentence: — To provide for
4 extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures, a town may at an
5 annual or special town meeting appropriate a sum or sums not
6 exceeding in the aggregate five per cent of the levy of the fiscal
7 year preceding the fiscal year for which the fund, to be known
8 as the reserve fund, is established.

1 SECTION 4. Section 53A of chapter 44 of the General Laws,
2 as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the
4 following sentence: — Notwithstanding the provisions of section
5 fifty-three, any amounts so received by an officer or department
6 of a city, town or district shall be deposited with the treasurer of
7 such city, town or district and held as a separate account and may
8 be expended as aforesaid by such officer or department receiving
9 the grant or gift without further appropriation; if the express
10 written terms or conditions of the grant agreement so stipulate,
11 interest on the grant funds may remain with and become a part
12 of the grant account and may be expended as part of the grant
13 by such officer or department receiving the grant or gift without
14 further appropriation.