
Chapter 52. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF SUDBURY TO EXTEND THE ELECTION DATE FOR APPROVING A DEBT EXCLUSION VOTE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding paragraph (m) of section 21C of chapter 59 of the General Laws with regard to the time of holding a ballot question election, the town of Sudbury may hold such an election on a date later than September 15, 2007.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage

Approved June 21, 2007.

Chapter 53. AN ACT REGULATING PRELIMINARY ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF WOBURN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1 of chapter 139 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 4 sentences:- Except as otherwise provided herein, for every regular or special city election in the city of Woburn at which any elective municipal office is to be filled, there shall be held a preliminary election for the purpose of nominating candidates therefore. The board of aldermen shall fix the day of holding preliminary elections. The date fixed shall be no later than the sixth Tuesday preceding the regular or special election. The action of the board of aldermen in fixing the date of the preliminary election shall be taken not later than the sixtieth day before the date so fixed.

Approved June 25, 2007.

Chapter 54. AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 BEFORE FINAL ACTION ON THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the amount of \$1,200,000,000 is hereby appropriated for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, to meet necessary expenditures before the enactment of the general appropriation act for that fiscal year, for the maintenance and operations of the various departments, boards, commissions, and institutions, including federal grant and Intragovernmental Service Fund expenditures,

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for other necessary services, and for meeting certain requirements of law. This appropriation shall cease to be operative as of the effective date of the general appropriation act, and all actions taken under this section shall apply against that general appropriation act. All expenditures made under this section shall be consistent with appropriations made in the general appropriation act.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the unexpended balances of all capital accounts which otherwise would revert on June 30, 2007, but which are necessary to fund obligations during fiscal year 2008, are hereby re-authorized; but this re-authorization shall terminate upon enactment of capital account extension legislation.

SECTION 3. The state treasurer shall make advance payments for some or all of periodic local reimbursement or assistance programs to any city, town, regional school district, or independent agricultural and technical school that demonstrates an emergency cash shortfall, as certified by the commissioner of revenue and approved by the secretary of administration and finance, pursuant to guidelines issued by the secretary.

SECTION 4. Sections 1 and 3 shall take effect on July 1, 2007. Section 2 shall take effect on June 30, 2007.

Approved June 25, 2007.

Chapter 55. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith the transfer of certain land in the city of Boston, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding sections 40E to 40J, inclusive, of chapter 7 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the commissioner of capital asset management and maintenance, in consultation with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, may grant to the city of Boston, for consideration as provided in subsection (a) of section 7, certain permanent easements in lands located in the city of Boston adjacent to Chelsea street, which permanent easements consist of permanent easement "A", permanent easement "B", 2 permanent gate easements located on the northeasterly side of Chelsea street in the city of Boston and 1 permanent gate easement located on the southwesterly side of said Chelsea street, all as shown on a plan titled "Sketch of proposed Areas to be Acquired by the City of Boston", dated May 21, 2003, and on file with said division and authority. The permanent easements are to be granted to the city for the purpose of constructing a new Chelsea