

HOUSE No. 1723

By Mr. McCarthy of East Bridgewater, petition of Alexander Smith that cities and towns be authorized to pay certain judgments from available funds in their treasuries. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PAYMENT OF JUDGMENTS FROM AVAILABLE CASH ON HAND IN A CITY OR TOWN TREASURY.

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

1 Chapter 44, section 31, of the General Laws, as
2 most recently amended by chapter 138 of the acts of
3 1949 is hereby further amended by adding at the end
4 of said section the following:—

5 Payments of final judgments rendered after the
6 fixing of the tax rate for the current year, other than
7 judgments authorized under the provisions of General
8 Laws, chapter seventy-one, section thirty-four, may
9 with the approval of the director of accounts be made
10 from any available funds in the treasury, and the
11 payments so made shall be reported by the auditor
12 or accountant or other officer having similar duties,
13 or by the treasurer if there be no such officer, to the
14 assessors, who shall include the amount so reported
15 in the aggregate appropriations assessed in the de-
16 termination of the next subsequent annual tax rate,
17 unless the city or town has otherwise made provision
18 therefor.

