

SENATE No. 751

To accompany the petition of John F. Parker and the board of selectmen of the town of Somerset by Israel T. Almy and others for legislation relative to the payment by said town of the costs of its sewerage and sewage disposal system or systems. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT BY THE TOWN OF SOMERSET OF THE COSTS OF ITS SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OR SYSTEMS.

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 17 of the acts of 1953 is hereby amended
2 by striking out section 7, and inserting in place thereof
3 the following section: —
4 *Section 7.* The town shall by vote determine
5 whether it shall pay the whole or a portion of the cost
6 of said system or systems of sewerage and sewage dis-
7 posal, and if a portion, what proportion. If the town
8 votes to pay less than the whole cost in providing for
9 the payment of the remaining portion of the cost of
10 said system or systems, the town may avail itself of
11 any or all of the methods permitted by General Laws,
12 and the provisions of said General Laws relative to
13 the assessment, apportionment, division, reassessment,
14 abatement and collection of sewer assessments, to liens
15 therefor and to interest thereon, shall apply to as-
16 sessments made under this act, except that interest
17 shall be at the rate of four per cent per annum. At
18 the same meeting at which it determines that any por-
19 tion of the cost is to be borne by the town, it may by
20 vote determine by which of such methods the remain-

21 ing portion of said cost shall be provided for. The
22 collector of taxes of said town shall certify the pay-
23 ment or payments of such assessments, or apportion-
24 ments thereof, to the sewer commissioners, or to the
25 selectmen acting as such, who shall preserve a record
26 thereof.