

HOUSE No. 1889

By Mr. Artesani of Boston, petition of Francis X. Ahearn relative to the method of assessing the amount which the Commonwealth may be called upon to pay the Metropolitan Transit Authority on account of a certain deficiency. Metropolitan Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE METHOD OF ASSESSING THE AMOUNT WHICH THE COMMONWEALTH MAY BE CALLED UPON TO PAY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY ON ACCOUNT OF A DEFICIENCY AS OF THE LAST DAY OF DECEMBER IN THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FOUR OR IN ANY YEAR THEREAFTER.

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. Section 13 of chapter 544 of the acts of
2 1947 is hereby amended by striking out the seventh
3 paragraph, as most recently amended by section 1 of
4 chapter 239 of the acts of 1953, and inserting in place
5 thereof the following paragraph:—
6 In case the commonwealth shall be called upon to pay
7 the authority any amount under this section on account
8 of a deficiency existing as of the last day of December in
9 the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four or as of the
10 last day of December in any year thereafter, such
11 amount, with interest or other charges incurred in bor-
12 rowing the money for the purpose, shall be assessed upon
13 the cities and towns constituting the authority as pro-
14 vided by section twenty of chapter fifty-nine of the
15 General Laws, as amended, in proportion to the amount

16 of property as last previously established by the general
17 court for said cities and towns as a basis of apportion-
18 ment of state and county taxes. Any amount which the
19 commonwealth is called upon to pay the authority on
20 account of a deficiency as of the last day of December,
21 nineteen hundred and forty-nine or on account of a
22 deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen
23 hundred and fifty or on account of a deficiency as of the
24 last day of December, nineteen hundred and fifty-one,
25 or on account of a deficiency as of the last day of Decem-
26 ber, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, or on account of a
27 deficiency as of the last day of December, nineteen
28 hundred and fifty-three, with interest and other charges
29 incurred in borrowing the money for the purpose, shall
30 be assessed upon the cities and towns constituting the
31 authority as provided by section twenty of chapter fifty-
32 nine of the General Laws, as amended, in proportion to
33 the amounts paid under the last preceding assessment
34 under section fourteen of chapter one hundred and
35 fifty-nine of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and
36 eighteen.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.