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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REGULATING THE MANNER IN WHICH DEBT MAY BE INCURRED BY REGIONAL SCHOOL 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 16 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out clause (d), as appearing in
3 chapter 65 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place
4 thereof the following clause: —
5 (d) To incur debt for the purpose of acquiring land
6 and constructing, reconstructing, adding to, and equip-
7 ing a school building or buildings for a term not exceed-
8 ing twenty years or for the purpose of remodeling and
9 making extraordinary repairs to a school building or
10 buildings for a term not exceeding ten years; provided,
11 however, that any indebtedness so incurred shall not
12 exceed an amount approved by the emergency finance
13 board; and provided, further, that written notice of
14 the amount of the debt and of the general purposes for
15 which it was authorized shall be given to the board
16 of selectmen in each of the towns comprising the district
17 not later than seven days after the date on which said
18 debt was authorized by the district committee, and no
19 debt may be incurred until the expiration of thirty days
20 from the date on which said debt was so authorized;
21 and prior to the expiration of said period any mem-
22 ber town of the regional school district may call a town

23 meeting for the purpose of expressing disapproval of the
24 amount of debt authorized by the district committee,
25 and if at such meeting a majority of the voters present
26 and voting thereon express disapproval of the amount
27 authorized by the district committee, the said debt
28 shall not be incurred and the district school committee
29 shall thereupon prepare an alternative proposal and a
30 new or revised authorization to incur debt.