

SENATE No. 162

To accompany the petition of Harris S. Richardson for legislation to further extend the time within which towns may appropriate money for temporary emergency unemployment funds, and further regulating the use of said funds. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Nine.

AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TIME WITHIN WHICH TOWNS MAY APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR TEMPORARY EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS, AND FURTHER REGULATING THE USE OF SAID FUNDS.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby
3 declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Chapter ninety of the acts of nineteen
2 hundred and thirty-five, as amended by chapter four
3 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, is
4 hereby further amended by striking out, in the first
5 to the fifth lines, inclusive, the words "During the
6 calendar years nineteen hundred and thirty-five to
7 nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, inclusive, any
8 town may by two thirds vote appropriate money to

9 be set apart and administered as a general unemploy-
10 ment relief fund” and inserting in place thereof the
11 words:— Any town may by two thirds vote estab-
12 lish and appropriate money for a separate fund,—
13 so as to read as follows:— Any town may by two
14 thirds vote establish and appropriate money for a
15 separate fund, for expenditure by or under the direc-
16 tion of the boards and officers in charge of town de-
17 partments, subject to the approval of a board of
18 administration consisting of such town officers ex
19 officio as the town shall by its vote determine, for the
20 construction, improvement, or repair of public ways,
21 public parks, sewerage and water supply systems,
22 municipal buildings and other municipal works or
23 undertakings, whereby employment may be afforded
24 citizens of the town who shall be determined, in such
25 manner as the town shall by its vote prescribe, to be
26 in need thereof, or for the purchase or hire of mate-
27 rials, supplies and equipment and the employment of
28 labor for the furtherance of, or as the contribution of
29 the town to, any federal unemployment relief project
30 undertaken or to be undertaken within the town.

31 In any town which has established a reserve fund
32 under the provisions of section six of chapter forty
33 of the General Laws, the finance or appropriation
34 committee, if the town has such a committee, or, if it
35 has not such a committee, the selectmen may make
36 transfers therefrom to an appropriation made for the
37 aforesaid purpose if the unexpended balance thereof,
38 with other available funds, is insufficient therefor.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter ninety is hereby further
2 amended by adding thereto the following new
3 section:—

4 *Section 2.* This act shall become inoperative on
5 the thirty-first day of December in the year nineteen
6 hundred and forty-three, but any unexpended balance
7 of a fund established as authorized by section one
8 may be expended in accordance therewith in the
9 following year.

