

HOUSE No. 1833

By Mr. Natsios of Holliston, petition of Andrew S. Natsios and John H. Loring relative to increasing budget items in town meetings. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Eight.

AN ACT REGARDING THE POWERS OF FINANCE COMMITTEES AND TOWNS.

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 39 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 16 the following section: —

3 *Section 16A.* In every town having a committee elected or
4 appointed under authority of Section 16, the town meeting shall
5 not increase any line item in the budget, over the recommendations
6 of said committee, except by a two-thirds vote of the town meeting.
7 This provision shall not apply to monies appropriated under the
8 provisions of Section 34 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws.

9 This act shall become effective in any town which accepts its
10 provisions by a majority of ballots cast in response to the following
11 questions:

12 Shall any increase in the budget made above the recommenda-
13 tion of the finance (warrant, appropriation) committee require a
14 two-thirds vote of the town meeting? This question shall be
15 submitted to the voters when either (a) the town meeting votes to
16 place it on the ballot of the next municipal election, or (b) such is
17 requested in a petition bearing a number of signatures of registered
18 votes equal to one percent of the number of ballots cast in the last
19 municipal election. Whichever procedure, (a) or (b), is used to
20 submit the question to the voters, that same procedure may be used
21 to repeal the provisions of this act.

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