

By Mr. Hermann of North Andover, petition of Mark DiSalvo that cities and towns be authorized to delete new items or reduce increases in school budgets. Education.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

*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 34 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended by chapter 294 of the acts of 1939, is hereby further  
3 amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place  
4 thereof the following sentence: — Except as hereinafter provided  
5 by this chapter every city and town shall annually provide an  
6 amount of money sufficient for the support of the public schools as  
7 required by this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 71 is hereby further amended by  
2 inserting after section 34E the following section: —

3 *Section 34F.* Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-  
4 four, upon the recommendation of the finance committee, appro-  
5 priation committee, advisory committee, or any similarly  
6 constituted municipal budget review committee, a city council,  
7 board of aldermen or town meeting may delete any new expendi-  
8 ture of item increase in the school budget over the budget for the  
9 preceding year. In a town meeting such deletion shall require the  
10 approval of at least two-thirds of the entire membership and if the  
11 application of the two-thirds vote shall result in a fractional  
12 number, in order to carry the measure the number required shall be  
13 equal to the next highest digit. If a city has a bicameral type of  
14 government, then this authority shall be vested in the board of  
15 aldermen of such city.

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