

HOUSE No. 4176

By Mr. Switzler of Wellesley, petition of Royall H. Switzler for legislation to require requests for appropriations to be referred to the joint committee on Ways and Means and requiring that the General Appropriation Act be initially acted upon by the House of Representatives by April fifteenth and by the Senate by May fifteenth. Ways and Means (joint).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT REQUESTS FOR APPROPRIATIONS BE REFERRED TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS AND THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET BE INITIALLY ACTED UPON BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY APRIL FIFTEENTH AND BY THE SENATE BY MAY FIFTEENTH.

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 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
- 2 after section 65 the following section:—
- 3 *Section 66.* All appropriations requests shall be referred to the
- 4 joint committee on Ways and Means. The appropriations for the
- 5 annual budget shall be initially acted upon by the house of repre-
- 6 sentatives by April fifteenth and by the senate by May fifteenth.

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