

By Mr. Flaherty of Boston, petition of Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to require the preparation of a neighborhood impact statement prior to the closing of an elementary school. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREPARATION OF A NEIGHBORHOOD IMPACT STATEMENT PRIOR TO CLOSING AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

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 71 of the General Laws is hereby amend-
2 ed by inserting after section 37K the following section: —

3 *Section 37L.* In any city or town which accepts the provisions of
4 this section, the school committee shall, prior to the closing of an
5 elementary school, cause a neighborhood impact statement to be
6 prepared. Said statement shall consider all alternatives to the
7 proposed closing, the attendant costs thereof and the impact upon
8 the affected neighborhood.

9 In preparing such statement, the school committee shall avail
10 itself of municipal planning agencies in developing information
11 concerning non-educational matters. The school committee shall
12 allow the maximum feasible participation of residents of the affect-
13 ed neighborhood by holding a public hearing at the commence-
14 ment of the preparation of such statement and such other proce-
15 dures as are necessary to insure all relevant community concerns
16 are raised and addressed.

17 Nothing in this section shall require a school committee or
18 municipal planning agencies to hire additional staff consultants.

1 SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall apply only to the
2 vote of a school committee to close a school made on or after the
3 effective date of this act.

SECTION 1. Chapter 11 of the Statutes of this State is hereby amended to read as follows:

The Committee of Geography

in the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two

AN ACT to amend the Statutes of this State in a certain manner, to be known as the Act to amend the Statutes of this State in a certain manner.

Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of New York, in Assembly Session, on the day of 1922.

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