

By Mr. Rauschenbach, a petition of Henri S. Rauschenbach, Thomas S. Cahir, Edward B. Teague, III, Michael J. Barrett and Christopher J. Hodgkins for legislation to amend the Cape Cod Commission to clarify the procedure for the required ratification vote. Local Affairs.

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT AMENDING THE CAPE COD COMMISSION ACT TO CLARIFY THE PROCEDURE FOR THE REQUIRED RATIFICATION VOTE.

*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 21 of chapter 716 of the acts of 1989 is  
2 hereby amended in the second sentence of the first paragraph by  
3 inserting after "and the state secretary" the following: — "and the  
4 county shall be obligated to pay all of the costs of the election".

1 SECTION 2. Section 21 of chapter 716 of the acts of 1989 is  
2 hereby further amended by inserting the following paragraph after  
3 the second paragraph: —

4 "The amount referred to in the ballot question found in the  
5 preceding paragraph shall be calculated by the Barnstable county  
6 commissioners in cooperation with the Department of Revenue,  
7 based upon the most recent 1990 recapitulation sheet or the most  
8 recent recapitulation sheet available at the time the amount is  
9 calculated, and which amount shall be certified in writing by the  
10 Barnstable county commissioners and submitted to the town clerk  
11 for each municipality no later than thirty days prior to the date  
12 of the county-wide election."

1 SECTION 3. Section 21 of chapter 716 of the acts of 1989 is  
2 hereby further amended by striking the last paragraph thereof and  
3 substituting the following: —

4 “Within thirty days from the date of passage the state secretary  
5 shall provide a copy of this chapter to the county commissioners  
6 and to each of the fifteen town clerks who shall make the copy  
7 available to the public for viewing upon request and for  
8 distribution to those voters who may request copies. The attorney  
9 general shall prepare a fair and concise summary of this chapter  
10 which he shall provide to the county commissioners and the town  
11 clerks no later than thirty days prior to the date set for the county-  
12 wide election. The county commissioners shall file a copy of the  
13 summary prepared by the attorney general with the county clerk  
14 who shall distribute it to all elected county and municipal officials,  
15 all members of the county’s legislative delegation and the state  
16 secretary. The county commissioners shall publish the text of the  
17 attorney general’s summary in two newspapers of known general  
18 circulation within Barnstable county at least twice, once in each  
19 of two successive weeks, beginning at least fourteen days prior  
20 to the date set for the county-wide election. The town clerks of  
21 the municipalities shall mail a copy of the attorney general’s  
22 summary to each registered voter no later than ten days prior to  
23 the date set for the election together with a notice that full copies  
24 of this chapter are available from the town clerk upon request.  
25 The county shall be obliged to pay the costs of the mailing.”