

HOUSE No. 5453

By Mr. Lombardi of Easton, petition of Leon J. Lombardi that cities and towns be required to obtain voter approval before incurring additional bonded indebtedness. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING CITIES AND TOWNS TO OBTAIN VOTER APPROVAL BEFORE IT MAY INCUR ADDITIONAL BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

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 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting
2 after section 6A the following section: —

3 *Section 6B.* No city or town shall incur any additional bonded
4 indebtedness after the effective date of this act unless they shall
5 have first obtained, at a biennial general election or at a general
6 election which shall be called by the general court for the first
7 Tuesday after the first Monday in November in a year in which a
8 biennial general election is not held, the approval of not less than
9 two-thirds of the persons voting on the following question: —

10 "Shall the bonded indebtedness of this city (or town)

11 be increased by \$ _____ over its present

12 indebtedness of \$ _____ ?"

YES

13 NO

