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To accompany the petition of the Massachusetts Social Security Association, Inc., by Richard H. Long and others, for legislation to grant home rule to municipalities relative to expenditures and borrowings. Municipal Finance.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT GRANTING HOME RULE TO MUNICIPALITIES ON EXPENDITURES AND BORROWINGS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Any municipality in the commonwealth is hereby  
2 authorized to borrow, either on notes or bonds, for  
3 any municipal purpose or expense, a sum not in ex-  
4 cess of thirty per cent of its assessed valuation; such  
5 notes or bonds to run not more than ten years and  
6 payable quarterly with equal yearly retirements of  
7 principal.

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### The Constitution of the United States

The Constitution of the United States is the supreme law of the land. It is the foundation of the government and the rights of the people. It was written by the Framers in 1787 and has since been amended several times. The Constitution is divided into three parts: the Preamble, the seven Articles, and the Amendments. The Preamble states the purpose of the Constitution, which is to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity. The seven Articles describe the structure of the government, including the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches. The Amendments, which were added between 1791 and 1971, provide for individual rights and other important provisions. The Constitution is a living document that has shaped the United States into the nation we know today.