
By Mr. Quinn of Boston, petition of Robert H. Quinn for an amendment of the law relative to selling or abandoning excess property by cities and towns. Municipal Finance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

AN ACT AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF LAW WHEREBY CITIES AND TOWNS MAY SELL OR ABANDON EXCESS PROPERTY.

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 15 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most
3 recently amended by chapter 117 of the acts of 1961, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 If any board or officer of any city or town having charge of
6 any land, easement or right taken for, purchased by, or other-
7 wise owned by, such city or town, notifies the city council or
8 the selectmen that in its or his opinion, such land, easement or
9 right, or part thereof no longer will be required for public
10 purposes, and if thereafter the city council or the inhabitants
11 of the town by a two thirds vote authorize the conveyance of
12 such land, or of part thereof, or the abandonment of such
13 easement or right or part thereof, and specify the minimum
14 amount to be paid for such conveyance or abandonment, the
15 mayor or the selectmen may, for such amount or a larger
16 amount and upon such other terms as the mayor or selectmen
17 shall consider proper, convey said land, or part thereof, by
18 deed, or declare said easement or right or part thereof to be
19 abandoned, or, subject to discontinuance thereof for public
20 purposes, contract to make such a conveyance or declaration.
21 Such declaration, being recorded in the registry of deeds for
22 the district where the land is situated, shall extinguish the
23 easement or right, or part thereof.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

