

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 747

By Mr. Dolan of Ipswich, petition of John F. Dolan that the Water Resources Commission be authorized to undertake a comprehensive ten-year program of water resources planning. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE A COMPREHENSIVE TEN-YEAR PROGRAM OF WATER RESOURCES PLANNING.

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

SECTION 1. The water resources commission, established under section eight of chapter twenty-one of the General Laws, is hereby authorized and directed to undertake and supervise a program of long-range water resources planning, including water favorability studies, reservoir site studies, and basic and applied water research. Said commission shall permit any authorized project to be conducted by an agency of the federal government in any case where such is a precondition to eligibility for federal assistance on account of such project, and shall further comply with any other requirements necessary to receive available federal assistance with respect to projects authorized hereunder. Said commission is authorized and directed to apply for federal assistance on account of any project authorized hereunder and may receive such sums on behalf of this commonwealth. Said commission may make available to the water resources research centre of the University of Massachusetts a sum not to exceed fifty thousand dollars in any year, in addition to any federal receipts available therefor, for the purpose of conducting basic or applied water research projects for said commission.

1 SECTION 2. Said water resources commission is authorized  
2 to spend for projects authorized by section one, in addition to  
3 any federal receipts available therefor, during the period July  
4 first, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight to June thirtieth,  
5 nineteen hundred and seventy-nine inclusive, from the  
6 proceeds of the bond issue authorized in section four a sum  
7 not to exceed two million, nine hundred thousand dollars;  
8 provided, however, that not more than four hundred  
9 thousand dollars, in addition to any federal receipts, shall be  
10 so authorized in any fiscal year.

1 SECTION 3. The department of public works is authorized  
2 and directed to contract with the United States Geological  
3 Survey of the Department of the Interior to further the  
4 surficial and bedrock geologic mapping of the commonwealth  
5 within the period from July first, nineteen hundred and sixty-  
6 seven to June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.  
7 Said department shall apply for any federal assistance on  
8 account of such mapping, and shall comply with any  
9 requirements necessary to receive such assistance. Said  
10 department is authorized to spend, for the purpose of such  
11 mapping, during said period, a sum not to exceed two million,  
12 one hundred thousand dollars, from the proceeds of the bond  
13 issue authorized by section four, in addition to any federal  
14 receipts available therefor provided, however, that not more  
15 than three hundred thousand dollars, in addition to any such  
16 federal receipts, shall be authorized in any fiscal year.  
17 Priorities of work to be done under this section shall be  
18 established in consultation with the water resources commis-  
19 sion.

1 SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying  
2 out the provisions of sections two and three of this act the  
3 state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and  
4 sell at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth,  
5 registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem  
6 best, to an amount to be specified by the governor from time  
7 to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of five  
8 million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as  
9 aforesaid, shall be designated on their face Water Resources

10 Planning Loan, Act of 1968, and shall be on the serial  
11 payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding  
12 twenty years, as the governor may recommend to the general  
13 court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the  
14 Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the  
15 maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amount payable  
16 in the several years of the period of amortization, other than  
17 the final year, shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the  
18 state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds  
19 shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the state  
20 treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The  
21 initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later  
22 than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire  
23 issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and  
24 ninety-eight.

