

HOUSE No. 5282

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 2, 1970.

The committee on Local Affairs, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3882) of William A. Pickett and another relative to the purchase or lease of data processing equipment by cities, towns and districts, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 5282).

For the committee,

JOHN J. SLATER.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT BY CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS.

*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 4 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended
2 by striking out the next to the last paragraph, as amended by
3 section 3 of chapter 758 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph: —

5 For the lease, or lease with an option to purchase, of data
6 processing equipment. Contracts for such leases may be made
7 for periods not exceeding three years when such contracts are
8 in the public interest for adequate services, to effect savings in
9 costs due to the length of such service agreements, and to
10 amortize the initial costs of establishing data processing oper-
11 ations over a period of time.