

By Mr. Flynn of Boston, petition of Raymond L. Flynn relative to further regulating the changing of school districts and the communities affected. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE CHANGING OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND THE COMMUNITIES AFFECTED.

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 37D of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out the third paragraph, inserted by chapter  
3 958 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following paragraph: —

5 A school committee shall not alter or change a school district  
6 or districts under such a plan until the state board of education  
7 has held a public hearing on the plan in every community  
8 affected and made its findings known to the committee and the  
9 committee has also held a public hearing on such plan. Said  
10 school committee shall cause the notice of the time and place of  
11 such hearing and of the subject matter, sufficient for identifica-  
12 tion, to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the  
13 city or town once in each of two successive weeks, the first  
14 publication to be not less than fourteen days before the day of  
15 the hearing or if there is no such newspaper in such city or town  
16 then by posting such notice in a conspicuous place in the city or  
17 town hall for a period of not less than fourteen days before the  
18 day of such hearing and also send notice by mail, postage  
19 prepaid, to each parent affected by the proposed change. At the  
20 hearing any person, whether entitled to notice thereof or not,  
21 may appear in person or be represented by an agent who need  
22 not be an attorney.

