

By Mr. Doran of Lexington, petition of the Advisory Board of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority and Stephen W. Doran relative to certain administrative requirements of said board. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PERTAINING TO CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD TO THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY.

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 23(f) of Chapter 372 of the Acts of 1984
2 is hereby deleted and the following new section inserted in its
3 place:

4 “(f) Within the time allowed for making recommendations to
5 the Authority on annual current expense budgets and amended
6 expense budgets in accordance with paragraph (b) of section eight,
7 the advisory board shall hold a public hearing on matters relating
8 to such budget for the purpose of ascertaining, for subsequent
9 report to the Authority if necessary, the views of the public
10 thereon.”

1 SECTION 2. Section 23(h) of Chapter 372 of the Actsof 1984
2 is hereby deleted and the following new section inserted in its
3 place:

4 “(h) The advisory board may incur expenses to be paid by the
5 Authority not to exceed thirty-five thousand dollars in the fiscal
6 year commencing July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-four and
7 not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars in the fiscal year
8 commencing July first, nineteen hundred and eighty-five for
9 expenses authorized under paragraph (c) and for personnel and
10 office expenses. In each subsequent year, such level of expenses

11 to be paid by the Authority shall be the previous year's amount
12 increased by a percentage equal to the increase in the Index of
13 State and Local Government Purchases of Goods and Services.
14 The maximum level of advisory board expenses to be paid by the
15 Authority may be further increased from time to time upon the
16 review and approval by the Authority of the justification for such
17 increases submitted by the advisory board. Such expenses shall
18 be paid by the Authority in the fiscal year commencing July first,
19 nineteen hundred and eighty-four from amounts appropriated to
20 the Authority by the commonwealth, and thereafter shall be
21 provided for in current expense budgets of the Authority. Nothing
22 in this section or any other section shall be construed to prevent
23 the advisory board from soliciting funding for special studies from
24 sources other than the Authority, provided that all applicable
25 laws, rules, and regulations are complied with.