

and forty-eight, the debt authorized and incurred under said act shall be outside the limit of indebtedness as provided by chapter forty-four of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. The action of the city of Fitchburg in incurring indebtedness under the provisions of said chapter two hundred and eighty-nine is hereby confirmed and made valid.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of May sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

*Approved August 11, 1949.*

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**Chap. 665** AN ACT TO PERMIT THE TOWNS OF ABINGTON AND ROCKLAND TO DEVELOP AND USE ANY SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY WITHIN THEIR LIMITS AND TO PROVIDE A METHOD OF DETERMINING THE PROPORTIONATE PART OF THE COST OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING AND OPERATING ANY SUCH SUPPLY.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The towns of Abington and Rockland, by action of their joint board of water commissioners as constituted under the provisions of chapter two hundred and six of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-five, ratified by a majority of their respective voters present and voting thereon at town meetings called for the purpose, may, for the purpose of supplementing the water supply authorized by said chapter two hundred and six, jointly develop and use any source of water supply within the limits of either of said towns, not already appropriated for purposes of public water supply.

SECTION 2. Said joint board of water commissioners shall award and determine a fair and just proportion of the cost of developing any such joint source of water supply which each of said towns shall bear. Said board shall annually award and determine a fair and just proportion of the cost of maintaining and operating such joint source of water supply which each of said towns shall bear.

SECTION 3. Except as hereinbefore provided, the provisions of section thirty-eight of chapter forty of the General Laws shall apply to all joint action by said towns under this act.

SECTION 4. Said joint board of water commissioners may enter upon any lands within the limits of said towns for the purpose of making surveys, test pits, and borings, and may take or otherwise acquire the right to occupy temporarily any lands necessary for the construction of any work or for any other purpose authorized by this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved August 11, 1949.*