

HOUSE No. 1950

By Mr. Rosenberg of Amherst, petition of Stanley C. Rosenberg and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide financial assistance to cities and towns for the improvement of public libraries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO IMPROVE PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

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. The board of library commissioners is hereby
2 authorized to expend a sum not exceeding fifty million dollars
3 for a program of grants to cities and towns for approved public
4 library projects as authorized by chapter 478 of the Acts of 1987.
5 Grants for approved public library projects shall be awarded only
6 for projects on which construction will commence after July first,
7 nineteen hundred and eighty-nine.

1 SECTION 2. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying
2 out the provisions of section one of this act, the state treasurer
3 shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the
4 commonwealth to an amount to be specified by the governor from
5 time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of fifty
6 million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth, as
7 aforesaid, shall be designated on their face, Capital Outlay Loan -
8 Public Library Facilities, Act of 1989 and shall be in accordance
9 with recommendations of the governor submitted pursuant to
10 Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution
11 of the Commonwealth, be issued for maximum terms not
12 exceeding twenty years and be payable not later than June
13 thirtieth, two thousand and nineteen. All interest and payments
14 on account of principal of such obligations shall be payable from

15 the Local Aid Fund. Bonds issued under authority of this section
16 and the interest thereon shall, notwithstanding any other
17 provisions of this act, be general obligations of the
18 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 3. The state treasurer may borrow from time to
2 time on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money as
3 may be necessary for the purposes of meeting payments
4 authorized by section one of this act and may issue and renew
5 from time to time notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing
6 interest payable at such times and at such rates as shall be fixed
7 by the state treasurer. In accordance with the recommendations
8 which the governor shall submit pursuant to Section 3 of Article
9 LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Common-
10 wealth, such notes shall be issued and may be renewed one or more
11 times for terms not exceeding one year and the final maturities
12 of such notes, whether original or renewal, shall not be later than
13 June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-four. Such notes and
14 any renewals thereof shall be general obligations of the
15 commonwealth.

1 SECTION 4. The director of the Board of Library Commis-
2 sioners may, in accordance with a schedule approved by the
3 Commissioner of Administration, hire an additional number of
4 temporary employees or consultants and assign any employee of
5 the Board to activities related to the provisions of this Act;
6 provided, however, that the costs of hiring any and all additional
7 employees or consultants shall be paid out of funds made available
8 under the provisions of this Act.

