

By Mr. Cass of Wakefield, petition of William F. Cass and William R. Keating relative to the powers of the advisory board of the Water Resources Authority. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF 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 8 of chapter 372 of the acts of 1984 is
2 hereby amended by striking out paragraph (b) and inserting in
3 place thereof the following paragraph: —

4 (b) The Authority shall adopt an annual budget for its current
5 expenses which budget the Authority shall have submitted to the
6 advisory board not less than sixty days prior to the adoption
7 thereof; provided, however, that such budget shall not be adopted
8 without the prior approval of the advisory board. Except in case
9 of an emergency, no current expenses may be incurred in excess
10 of those shown in the annual current expense budget. The
11 Authority may from time to time adopt amendments to current
12 expense budgets which the Authority shall have submitted to the
13 advisory board not less than thirty days prior to the adoption
14 thereof; provided, however, that such amendments shall not be
15 adopted without the prior approval of the advisory board. The
16 Authority periodically shall also adopt and revise capital facility
17 programs for the sewer system and waterworks system and capital
18 expenditure budgets based thereon. The current expense budgets,
19 capital expenditure budgets and the capital facility programs of
20 the Authority shall be deemed not to be regulations or
21 adjudications for purposes of chapter thirty A of the General
22 Laws. The Authority shall consult in the preparation of its capital
23 facility programs for the sewer and waterworks systems with the
24 advisory board and the executive office of environmental affairs,

25 and may consult with other agencies of federal, state and local
26 government concerned with the programs of the Authority.
27 Proposed capital facility programs and capital expenditure
28 budgets for said systems shall be submitted to the advisory board
29 for such consultation no less than sixty days prior to adoption
30 or revision by the Authority; provided, however, that such capital
31 expenditure budgets shall not be adopted without the prior
32 approval of the advisory board. The Authority shall prepare a
33 written response to reports respecting its finances submitted to
34 it by the advisory board. The Authority shall file copies of its
35 capital facility programs with the commissioner of capital
36 planning and operations in accordance with section thirty-nine C
37 of chapter seven of the General Laws, shall prepare and file long-
38 range capital facility development plans in accordance with
39 section seven A of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws, and
40 shall be deemed to be a public agency subject to the recordkeeping
41 and reporting requirements of paragraph (4) of section forty A
42 of chapter seven of the General Laws.

1 SECTION 2. Section 23 of said chapter 372 is hereby amended
2 by adding the following paragraph: —

3 (i) No salary increases shall be granted by the Authority without
4 the prior approval of the advisory board.