

By Mr. MacKenzie of Wareham, petition of Charles A. MacKenzie, Jr., John F. Aylmer and others for legislation to validate the action of the Wareham Fire District in levying betterment assessments for a water extension program in the town of Wareham. Local Affairs.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

**AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTION OF THE WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT  
IN LEVYING BETTERMENT ASSESSMENTS FOR A WATER EXTENSION PROGRAM IN WEST WAREHAM.**

*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. Whereas the Wareham Fire District having  
2 started construction on the West Wareham water supply and  
3 distribution system project of the year one thousand nine  
4 hundred sixty-seven prior to formal votes and orders, later  
5 adopted, as required by General Laws, Chapter Forty and  
6 Chapter Eighty; now, therefore, notwithstanding the failure of  
7 the Wareham Fire District to comply seasonably with the  
8 provisions of Sections One and Two of Chapter Eighty and  
9 Sections Forty-two G, Forty-two H, and Forty-two I of Chapter  
10 Forty of the General Laws incidental to the construction or  
11 extension of a water supply system in West Wareham, said  
12 Wareham Fire District is hereby authorized and empowered to  
13 collect such betterment assessments as have already been levied  
14 arising from the construction of said water supply and dis-  
15 tribution system, and all votes, orders and acts providing for the  
16 levy of the betterment assessments and providing for the method  
17 of such assessments are hereby validated, ratified, confirmed and  
18 cured effective beginning the year one thousand nineteen  
19 hundred sixty-seven; provided, that nothing in this act shall be  
20 construed to impair or affect the rights of owners of such land as

21 has been the subject of such betterment assessments, which  
 22 ownership has been conveyed prior to the twenty-fifth day of  
 23 July, one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight, the date of  
 24 recording of the order of the Water Commissioners in the  
 25 Plymouth County Registry of Deeds levying the betterment  
 26 assessments.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.