

Accompanying the twenty-eighth recommendation of the Department of Revenue (House, No. 237). Local Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATING TO BUDGET REDUCTIONS IN CITIES.

*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 32 of chapter 44 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
2 the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the  
3 following paragraph: —

4 At any time after the adoption of the annual budget the mayor  
5 may submit a reduced annual budget with recommendations for  
6 each category of spending in the annual budget that are either  
7 equal to or less than the amounts provided for such category in  
8 the annual budget. Such a reduced annual budget shall be effective  
9 upon submission to the council, which may within fifteen days  
10 reduce any item in the mayor's recommendation whether or not  
11 the mayor's recommendation under this paragraph for the item  
12 is lower than the amount approved in the annual budget. No  
13 appropriation may be reduced by either the mayor or the council  
14 under the terms of this paragraph below the sum of: (1) ex-  
15 penditures already made from such appropriation, (2) liabilities  
16 incurred against such appropriation but not yet expended, and (3)  
17 amounts which the city is required by statute to raise in the tax  
18 levy for the same purpose even in the absence of an appropriation.

The Constitution of the United States

Article I, Section 1

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Section 2. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

Section 3. The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen by the Legislature thereof, for a Term of six Years; and each Senator shall have the Qualifications requisite for Senators of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.