

HOUSE No. 5047

By Mr. Suhoski of Gardner, petition of Chester A. Suhoski relative to the dates for annual town meetings and submission of budgets in cities in the year nineteen hundred and eighty-four. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DATES FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND SUBMISSION OF BUDGETS IN CITIES IN THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-FOUR.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of section nine of
2 chapter thirty-nine of the General Laws or any other law, by-law
3 or charter to the contrary, a town, by a vote of its board of
4 selectmen or town council may delay the annual town meeting for
5 the current year; provided, however, that such annual town meet-
6 ing shall complete its business on or before June thirtieth, nineteen
7 hundred and eighty-four.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or any
2 regional school district agreement to the contrary, a school com-
3 mittee of a regional school district is not required to adopt its
4 annual budget for the fiscal year commencing July first, nineteen
5 hundred and eighty-four earlier than forty-five days prior to the
6 earliest date on which the annual town meeting of any member
7 town is held; provided, however, that the selectmen or town coun-
8 cil in the town which has scheduled such earliest date for its annual
9 town meeting may authorize said school committee of the regional
10 school district to adopt its budget subsequent to said forty-five
11 days.

1 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-
2 two of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, the mayor in any
3 city, except the city of Boston, may, within one hundred and
4 twenty days after the annual organization of such city government
5 in the calendar year nineteen hundred and eighty-four submit to
6 the city council the annual budget for the fiscal year nineteen
7 hundred and eighty-four. In any city, except the city of Boston, if
8 said annual budget has been submitted to the city council on the
9 effective date of this act, said city council shall have an additional
10 seventy-five days to consider said budget, but shall be required to
11 take final action, in any event, not later than June fifteenth,
12 nineteen hundred and eighty-four.

1 SECTION 4. The provisions of sections one and two of this act
2 shall not apply to any portion of the annual town meeting which
3 provides for the elections and certification of officers and other
4 matters to be determined by ballot. The annual town meeting and
5 the election and certification of officers shall be called in pursu-
6 ance of one or more warrants under the provisions of sections nine
7 A and ten of chapter thirty-nine of the General Laws.