
By Mr. Quinlan, a petition of John M. Quinlan for legislation to require only a majority vote by cities, towns or districts to authorize debt, appropriate money in the stabilization fund, and authorize engaging in federally-aided public works projects. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT REQUIRING ONLY A MAJORITY VOTE BY CITIES, TOWNS OR DISTRICTS TO AUTHORIZE DEBT, APPROPRIATE MONEY IN THE STABILIZATION FUND AND AUTHORIZE ENGAGING IN FEDERALLY-AIDED PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

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 two of chapter forty-four of the General
2 Laws as most recently amended by chapter one hundred twen-
3 ty-one of the acts of one thousand nine hundred sixty-three
4 is hereby further amended by striking the words "but no debt
5 may be authorized under a general or special act except by a
6 two-thirds vote, unless the act so provides" and inserting in
7 place thereof the following:— debt may be authorized by any
8 city, town or district under the provisions of any general law
9 or of any special act passed prior to December thirty-one,
10 nineteen hundred seventy-one, by a majority vote notwith-
11 standing any requirement therein contained for a larger vote.

1 SECTION 2. The last paragraph of section seven of chapter
2 forty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter five hundred eighty-one of the acts of one thousand
4 nine hundred sixty-five, is hereby further amended by strik-
5 ing said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the follow-
6 ing: — debts may be authorized under this section only by a
7 majority vote.

1 SECTION 3. The next-to-last paragraph of section eight of

2 chapter forty-four of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter twenty-three of the acts of one thousand
4 nine hundred sixty-eight, is hereby further amended by strik-
5 ing said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the follow-
6 ing:— debts may be authorized under this section only by a
7 majority vote.

1 SECTION 4. The first paragraph of section nine of chapter
2 forty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter forty-six of the acts of one thousand nine hundred
4 sixty-seven is hereby further amended by striking the words
5 “two thirds vote” where they appear in the first sentence of
6 said paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:—
7 majority vote.

1 SECTION 5. The third paragraph of section five B of chapter
2 forty of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chap-
3 ter sixty-two of the acts of one thousand nine hundred sixty-
4 six is hereby further amended by striking the words “two
5 thirds vote” wherever they appear therein and inserting in
6 place thereof the following:— majority vote.

1 SECTION 6. The first paragraph of section two of chapter
2 seventy-four of the acts of one thousand nine hundred forty-
3 five, as most recently amended by chapter twenty-six of the
4 acts of one thousand nine hundred sixty-eight is hereby fur-
5 ther amended by striking the words “two thirds vote” where
6 they appear in the first sentence of said paragraph and insert-
7 ing in place thereof the following:— majority vote.