

By Mr. Hynes of Marshfield, petition of Frank M. Hynes for legislation to further regulate the imposition of costs on the cities and towns of the Commonwealth. Local Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT STREAMLINE THE STATE MANDATES LAW.

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 27C of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out para-
3 graph (a) and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 (a) Any law taking effect on or after January first, nineteen
5 hundred and eighty-one imposing any direct service or cost oblig-
6 ation upon any city or town shall be effective in any city or town
7 only if such law is accepted by vote or by the appropriation of
8 money for such purposes, in the case of a city by the city council
9 in accordance with its charter, and in the case of a town by town
10 meeting, unless the general court, within ninety days of enactment
11 of such law, provides, by general law and by appropriation, for the
12 assumption by the commonwealth of such cost, exclusive of inci-
13 dental local administration expenses and unless the general court
14 provides by appropriation in each successive year for such
15 assumption.

1 SECTION 2. Section 27C of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out para-
3 graph (b) and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 Any law taking effect on or after January first, nineteen hun-
5 dred and eighty-one granting or increasing exemptions from local
6 taxation shall be effective in any city or town only if the general
7 court, within ninety days of enactment of such law, provides by
8 general law and by appropriation for payment by the common-

9 wealth to each city and town of any loss of taxes resulting from
10 such exemption.

1 SECTION 3. Section 27C of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out para-
3 graph (c) and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 Any administrative rule or regulation taking effect on or after
5 January first, nineteen hundred and eighty-one which shall result
6 in the imposition of additional costs upon any city or town shall
7 not be deemed effective unless the general court, within ninety
8 days from the date upon which any rule or regulation shall take
9 effect, has provided by general law and by appropriation for the
10 assumption by the commonwealth of such cost, exclusive of inci-
11 dental local administration expenses and unless the general court
12 provides by appropriation in each successive year for such
13 assumption.

1 SECTION 4. Section 27C of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 1992 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out para-
3 graph (e) and inserting in place thereof the following: —

4 (e) If within ninety days of the enactment of any law imposing
5 any direct service or cost obligation upon any city or town, or
6 granting or increasing exemptions from local taxation, or within
7 ninety days from the date upon which any rule or regulation shall
8 take effect that shall result in the imposition of additional cost
9 upon any city or town and the general court shall have failed to
10 provide by general law and by appropriation for the assumption
11 by the commonwealth of such cost, such law, rule or regulation
12 shall be deemed to be not in effect in any city or town except as
13 provided in paragraph (g).