

By Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, petition of Richard T. Moore, James T. Harrington and Richard J. Dwinell for legislation to establish the southwest Worcester County mosquito control project. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SOUTHWEST WORCESTER COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT.

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. The area including the towns comprising the
2 southwest area of Worcester County is hereby constituted a mos-
3 quito control project under section five-A of chapter two hundred
4 and fifty-two of the General Laws, to the same extent as if so
5 constituted by the state reclamation board acting under said sec-
6 tion five-A and the improvements herein authorized shall be un-
7 dertaken under identifying name of Southwest Worcester County
8 Mosquito Control Project.

9 Beginning with the fiscal year commencing July the first, nine-
10 teen hundred and eighty to meet the expenses incurred under this
11 act, there shall be expended annually from the state treasury
12 subject to appropriation twenty cents on each one thousand dollars
13 of the equalized valuations of all such towns, as most recently
14 reported by the state revenue commissioner to the general court
15 under the provisions of section ten C of chapter fifty-eight of the
16 General Laws; and the state treasurer shall issue his warrant requir-
17 ing the assessors of the towns within said project to assess a tax to
18 the amount of the sums so expended one-quarter in proportion to
19 their said valuations, and three-quarters in proportion to their
20 respective areas, or to assess a tax to the amount of the sums so
21 expended three-quarters in proportion to their said valuation and

22 one-quarter in proportion to their respective areas, whichever is
23 the lesser amount, and such amounts shall be collected and paid to
24 the state treasurer as provided by section twenty of chapter fifty-
25 nine of the General Laws; provided that any such town may in any
26 year anticipate such assessment and appropriate, raise and deposit
27 the amount thereof with the state treasurer, and any sum so depos-
28 ited shall be credited against such assessment. There may also be
29 expended for the purposes of this act voluntary contributions for
30 such purposes deposited in the state treasury.

31 For the purpose of initiating work promptly towns participating
32 in this project are directed to pay to the State Treasurer an amount
33 equal to one-third of the sum to be paid annually under the
34 aforementioned formula, upon action by the town meeting.

35 Such sums, together with any voluntary contributions that may
36 be needed from time to time may be expended by the project
37 without further appropriation.

1 SECTION 2. The funds appropriated and deposited as afore-
2 said shall be expended by the Southwest Worcester County Mos-
3 quito Control Project for the investigation of mosquito control
4 works, and the construction and maintenance thereof, in said
5 county, under the direction and supervision of the state reclama-
6 tion board in accordance with such known methods as in its
7 opinion will act as the greatest measure of relief.

1 SECTION 3. Any town which becomes a part of the mosquito
2 control project established under section one may withdraw from
3 the said project prior to the expiration of one year; provided the
4 said town so votes at a regular or special town meeting held prior to
5 the expiration of one year from the effective date of this act;
6 otherwise, the said town shall continue as a member of the said
7 project.

1 SECTION 4. Any town in which this act had been in effect for a
2 period of four years, may by a majority vote of the voters at an
3 annual town meeting, withdraw from membership in the mosquito
4 control project, established by this act, and thereupon under the
5 provision of this act shall no longer apply to such town.

1 SECTION 5. The following towns shall constitute the original
2 Southwest Worcester County Mosquito Control Project: Auburn,
3 Barre, Blackstone, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East
4 Brookfield, Hardwick, Leicester, Mendon, Millbury, Milville,
5 New Braintree, North Brookfield, Oakham, Oxford, Paxton,
6 Rutland, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Warren, Ux-
7 bridge, Webster and West Brookfield.

8 Any contiguous city or town may join said project upon a
9 qualifying vote of such city or town. Any such city or town shall be
10 subject to the provisions that apply to the original members in said
11 project as provided in sections 1, 2 and 4.

12 This act shall take effect upon its passage.

