

Chapter 360. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE STABILIZATION FUND OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section five B of chapter forty of the General Laws, the Stabilization Fund of the town of Southampton may only be appropriated for purposes for which said town would be authorized to borrow money under the provisions of sections seven and eight of chapter forty-four of the General Laws and not for any other purposes.

Approved January 12, 1993.

Chapter 361. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTFORD TO BORROW MONEY TO UPDATE ITS COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Westford, upon a two-thirds vote of the town meeting, is hereby authorized to borrow for a term of up to five years an amount not to exceed fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of updating its comprehensive master plan under the direction and supervision of the planning board of said town.

Approved January 12, 1993.

Chapter 362. AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR RECALL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any holder of an elective office in the town of West Boylston may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of the town as provided herein.

SECTION 2. Ten qualified voters of the town may make and file with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer sought to be recalled and removed and a statement of the grounds of removal. The town clerk shall thereupon deliver to the voters making such affidavit a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks for such recall and removal. Said blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with his signature and official seal attached thereto; and shall be dated

and addressed to the Selectmen. Said blanks shall contain the name of the person sought to be removed, the office from which removal is sought, the grounds of removal as stated in said affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. Said recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within fourteen days after the filing of the affidavit. Said petition before being returned and filed shall be signed by qualified voters of the town, equal in number to at least twenty-five percent of the qualified voters of the town as of the date such affidavit was filed with the town clerk.

SECTION 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by the town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate to the Selectmen without delay, and the Selectmen shall forthwith give written notice to said officer of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be recalled and removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a removal election to be held on a day fixed by them not less sixty nor more than ninety days after the date of the town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition is filed; provided, however, that if any other town election is to occur within one hundred days after the date of said certificate, the Selectmen shall postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a removal election has been so ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as provided in this section.

SECTION 4. Any officer who has been removed by a vote at the removal election may be a candidate to succeed himself in an election to be held to fill such vacancy which shall be held concurrently with the election. The nomination of all candidates, the publication of the warrant for the removal election and any election to fill a vacancy caused by a removal election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provisions of law relating to elections, unless otherwise provided in this Act. A majority of those voting at the removal election shall be sufficient to recall such elected officer. If a majority of the voters on the question of removal is in the negative, the ballots of candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.

SECTION 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the removal election. If said incumbent is not removed, he shall continue in office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before. If said incumbent is removed in the removal election, he shall be deemed removed and the election held concurrently shall elect a qualified successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term.

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