

HOUSE No. 5517

By Mr. Navin of Marlborough, petition of Frank A. Valas and Joseph M. Navin for legislation to authorize the county treasurer of Essex County to pay certain unpaid bills of previous years. Counties.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER OF ESSEX COUNTY TO PAY CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

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 any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the County Treasurer of Essex County is hereby author-
3 ized to pay from any available funds in the County Treasury
4 unpaid electric bills due the Massachusetts Electric Company in
5 the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00). Said bills
6 were incurred twelve months or more prior to the passage of the
7 Fiscal Year 1983 budget as approved by the Essex County Advi-
8 sory Board.

1 SECTION 2. These bills shall not be approved by the Commis-
2 sioners of said County or paid by said County Treasurer under
3 authority of this Act unless and until a certificate has been signed
4 and filed with said Treasurer stating under the penalty of perjury
5 that the services for which said bill was submitted were ordered by
6 an official or employee of said County and that such services were
7 delivered and actually received by said County or that such serv-
8 ices were rendered to said County, or both.

1 SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate
2 required by Section two, which is false, and who thereby receives

3 payment for goods or services which were not received by or
 4 rendered to said County, shall be punished by imprisonment for
 5 not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred
 6 dollars, or both.

1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.