

By Mr. Newth of Swampscott, petition of Thomas M. Newth (with the approval of the selectmen) for legislation relative to the membership of the finance committee of the town of Swampscott. Towns.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

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 9 of chapter 300 of the acts of 1927 is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the word "pre-
3 cinct" in line 3 the words:— and two town meeting
4 members at large,— so as to read as follows:—
5 *Section 9.* There shall be a finance committee ap-
6 pointed by the moderator from the town meeting
7 members, consisting of one member from each pre-
8 cinct, and two town meeting members at large, who
9 shall serve during their respective terms as town meet-
10 ing members, and who shall be appointed at the first
11 town meeting held after this act becomes operative.
12 To this committee shall be referred all questions per-
13 taining to the appropriation of expenditure of money,
14 the creation of debt, the disposition of town property,
15 and all other questions affecting the town, for the
16 purpose of making recommendations, but this shall
17 not be construed to prohibit the appointment of
18 special committees to investigate matters pertaining
19 to the town or to execute work authorized by it.
20 This committee shall have the power to consult with
21 such departments, officers, employees or committees

22 as may have information concerning any matter under
23 consideration, and it shall be the duty of all depart-
24 ments, officers, employees or committees to furnish
25 such information as they possess that may be required
26 by said committee. It shall also have the power to
27 examine, in connection with any subject under in-
28 vestigation or consideration, all books, vouchers,
29 papers and all other instruments in the custody or
30 possession of any officer, employee or agent of the
31 town.