

By Ms. Swift, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1275) of Jane M. Swift for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority operating budget. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION
AUTHORITY OPERATING BUDGET.

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. Commencing with the commonwealth's fiscal
2 year nineteen hundred and ninety-three, beginning on July first,
3 nineteen hundred and ninety-two, the Massachusetts Bay
4 Transportation Authority shall operate on a fiscal year cycle
5 coinciding with that of the commonwealth.

1 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to
2 the contrary, commencing with the commonwealth's fiscal year
3 nineteen hundred and ninety-two, all expenses of the authority
4 shall be in accordance with an itemized budget. The authority,
5 in consultation with the secretary of transportation and
6 construction, and the MBTA advisory board, shall prepare and
7 shall submit such budget for the ensuing fiscal year to the secretary
8 and the advisory board not later than the date set by the
9 commissioner of administration pursuant to section three of
10 chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws for the submission of
11 statement to the budget director. The secretary shall review and
12 make recommendations regarding such budget within thirty days
13 after submission. Within forty-five days after submission, the
14 advisory board shall approve said budget as submitted or subject
15 it to such itemized reductions therein as the advisory board shall
16 deem appropriate. Such itemized reductions shall be accompanied
17 by a clear delineation of the areas of services to be reduced and

18 the degree of reduction of service including a statement by
19 location, line and mode of the level of maintainable service
20 resulting from such itemized reductions as the advisory board may
21 deem appropriate. The board of directors shall, no later than the
22 first Wednesday in December file a copy of such budget with the
23 Governor. Said budget shall include all requests and recommen-
24 dations of the authority for capital outlay programs and projects
25 for the ensuing year.

26 Within three weeks after the convening of the general court,
27 the governor shall file a copy of the budget with the clerk of the
28 house of representatives and the clerk of the senate. Said budget
29 shall include all requests and recommendations of the authority
30 for capital outlay programs and projects for the ensuing year.

31 The governor shall include as a line item within the budget
32 submitted pursuant to Section 2 of the Article LXIII of the
33 amendments to the Constitution his recommendation for the
34 share of the net cost of service at the Massachusetts Bay
35 Transportation Authority to be paid by the Commonwealth,
36 provided however that if the board of directors fails to submit
37 said budget plan to the governor, the state's share of the net cost
38 of service shall not exceed the state's share of the net cost of service
39 for the state's fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-one,
40 beginning on July first, nineteen hundred and ninety.