

HOUSE No. 405

By Mrs. Canavan of Brockton, petition of Christine E. Canavan for legislation to regulate contributions by the city and the towns for operation of the Southeastern Regional School District. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR MEMBERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO REALLOCATE THE SUM OF THEIR LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DISTRICT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF BOARDS OF SELECTMEN AND A MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

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 the provisions of any general or
2 special law to the contrary, the towns of East Bridgewater, Easton,
3 Foxboro, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton, and West Bridge-
4 water and the city of Brockton, all joined together as charter
5 member communities of the Southeastern Regional School Dis-
6 trict, may elect to reallocate the sum of their required local
7 contributions to the district in accordance with the regional
8 agreement; provided however, that the total sum of their regional
9 contributions shall not be decreased. Election shall be by approval
10 of a majority of the members. Approval of each member shall be
11 given by a majority vote of the board of selectmen at a regularly
12 scheduled meeting in the case of towns and by a majority vote of
13 the council in the case of the city of Brockton. For the first year
14 after enactment of this legislation, such approval must be voted no
15 later than three weeks after notification of the enactment. There-
16 after, members may vote for this change in the method of such
17 allocation by December 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year
18 for which a change in the assessment allocation is desired. The
19 commissioner of education shall be notified of the enactment of
20 this legislation.

1 SECTION 2. Once a vote to revert to the original agreement
2 has been made as herein provided for, the required local contribu-
3 tions shall be thereafter calculated in accordance with the regional
4 agreement for each successive year unless two thirds of the
5 district members vote for a change in the method of such alloca-
6 tion by December 31 of the year preceding the fiscal year for
7 which a change in the assessment allocation is desired. Approval
8 of each member in this instance shall be given by a majority vote
9 of the board of selectmen at a regularly scheduled meeting in the
10 case of the towns and by a majority vote of the council in the case
11 of the city of Brockton.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.