

HOUSE No. 655

By Mr. Jones of North Reading (by request), petition of William C. Brown that cities and towns be authorized to place before the voters a question on re-acceptance of the community preservation law. Election Laws.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT.

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 3 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the
3 following subsection:—Upon acceptance of Sections 3 to 7, inclu-
4 sive, every subsequent five years, the city or town clerk or the state
5 secretary shall place before the voters of said city or town the
6 following ballot question:—

7 “Shall this (city or town) re-accept Sections 3 through 7, inclu-
8 sive, of Chapter 44B of the General laws, as approved by its legisla-
9 tive body, a summary of which appears below”. (Set forth here a fair,
10 concise summary and purpose of the law to be acted upon, as deter-
11 mined by the city solicitor or town counsel, including in said sum-
12 mary the percentage of the surcharge to be imposed.)

13 If a majority of voters voting on said ballot question vote in the
14 affirmative, then its provisions shall remain in effect for an addi-
15 tional five years; otherwise, the act shall cease.