

**SENATE, NO. 2445**

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED DURING PAST SESSION  
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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

IN THE YEAR OF TWO THOUSAND AND SEVEN

**AN ACT** RELATIVE TO INCURRING INDEBTEDNESS IN THE TOWN OF IPSWICH

*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. Chapter three hundred twenty-four of the acts of 1994 is hereby rescinded.

2 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary,

3 Section 6 of Chapter 11 of the Town of Ipswich general bylaws is hereby rescinded and the

4 following provision is inserted in its place:

5 Section 6. Bond Appropriations

6 No appropriation to be raised by bonds of the Town of Ipswich, except for an

7 appropriation of an amount of less than one tenth of one percent (0.1%) of the current total

8 equalized valuation of the Town for any purpose, shall be adopted unless the articles calling for

9 such appropriation first shall have received a two-thirds majority vote by Town Meeting, in

10 accordance with the provision of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, after there has  
11 been full opportunity for debate on the merits of the said article, and second shall have received a  
12 majority vote on a printed ballot. If said article shall have received a two-thirds majority vote of  
13 Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen shall forthwith call for a special election for the purpose  
14 of voting on such appropriation, said election to be called in accordance with the Massachusetts  
15 General Laws. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the Board of Selectmen may, but are not  
16 required to, vote to include a ballot question required by this section on the Town's annual  
17 election ballot, which vote will only be effective if the corresponding Annual Town Meeting has  
18 approved the appropriation pursuant to this section. The statement of the purpose of the  
19 appropriation shall be substantially the same in the article as in the ballot question.

20 SECTION 3. Nothing in this special act shall preclude the right of the Town Meeting to modify  
21 Chapter 2, Section 6 of the Town Bylaws without seeking a special act of the General Court.

22 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.