

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Durant

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to establishing a limit for the municipal revenue growth factor.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Peter J. Durant</i> | <i>6th Worcester</i> | <i>4/1/2013</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Ruda</i> | <i>148 Dresser Hill Rd. Dudley, MA. 01517</i> | |
| <i>Anne M. Gobi</i> | <i>5th Worcester</i> | <i>4/10/2013</i> |

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By Mr. Durant of Spencer, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Peter J. Durant, Jonathan Ruda and Anne M. Gobi relative to limiting the revenue growth factor in determining contributions by municipalities for local schools and school districts. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to establishing a limit for the municipal revenue growth factor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 70 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 6A. Preliminary local contribution shall be the municipality's minimum required
4 local contribution, increased or decreased by the municipal revenue growth factor; provided
5 however, that any contribution over 2.5 per cent shall require an override vote by the town at a
6 ballot election.

7 If regional school district requests an additional contribution over the permitted 2.5 per
8 cent, all of the municipalities affected by said increase shall be required to vote on the override at
9 a ballot election. A majority of the municipalities must vote yes for the override to carry. In the
10 event of a tie, the override shall fail.