

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1851**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephen Kulik*

*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 relating to the issuance of temporary notes by cities, towns and districts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Kulik of Worthington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1851) of Stephen Kulik and others relative to borrowing by municipalities. Municipalities and Regional Government.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3773 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relating to the issuance of temporary notes by cities, towns and districts.

*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. Section 17 of chapter 44 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition is hereby amended in its entirety to provide as follows:-

3 Section 17 .11 a city, town or district votes to issue bonds, notes or certificates of  
4 Indebtedness in accordance with law, the officers authorized to issue the same may, in the name  
5 of such city, town or district, make a temporary loan for a period of not more than two years in  
6 anticipation of the money to be derived from the sale of such bonds, notes or certificates, and  
7 may issue notes therefor. A city, town or district may refund, by the issue of other notes, a  
8 temporary loan issued under the authority of the first sentence; provided, however, that the  
9 period from the date of issue of the original loan to the date of maturity of the refunding loan  
10 shall not exceed two years, unless such temporary loan is paid in part from revenue funds of the

11 city, town or district as hereinafter provided for, in which case the period from the date of issue  
12 of the original loan to the date of maturity of the refunding loan shall not exceed ten years. A  
13 temporary loan refunded under this section shall be paid in part from revenue funds of the city,  
14 town or district at or before the maturity date of any such refunding loan that is issued to mature  
15 more than two years, but not more than three years, from the date of issue of the original loan. A  
16 like payment from revenue funds shall be made at or before the maturity date of any such  
17 refunding loan that is issued to mature: more than three years, but not more than four years; more  
18 than four years but not more than five years; more than five years, but not more than six years;  
19 more than six years, but not more than seven years; more than seven years, but not more than  
20 eight years; more than eight years, but not more than nine years, from the date of issue of the  
21 original loan, and again at or before the maturity date of any such refunding loan that is issued to  
22 mature more than nine years from the date of issue of the original loan. Each such payment from  
23 revenue funds shall be at least equal to the minimum annual payment which would have been  
24 required if such temporary loan had been converted to a serial loan prior to its first refunding that  
25 required a payment from revenue funds under this section, and the authorized amount of the  
26 serial loan shall be reduced by the aggregate amount of all such payments. Each payment made  
27 by a city, Town or district as provided in the preceding sentence shall be reported by the auditor  
28 or Accountant of the city or town or other officer having similar duties, or by the treasurer if  
29 there be no such officer, to the assessors, who shall include the amount so reported in the  
30 determination of the next annual tax rate, unless the city, town or district has otherwise made  
31 provision therefor. The amount of a payment from revenue funds made by a regional school  
32 district or regional refuse disposal district as provided herein shall be included in the next annual  
33 district operating and maintenance budget, unless the regional district committee has otherwise

34 made provision therefor. The time within which a serial loan shall be due and payable shall not  
35 be extended by reason of the making of a temporary loan hereunder beyond the time fixed by  
36 law. If a balance remains in the proceeds of a temporary loan issued in anticipation of a serial  
37 loan at the time when the serial loan is issued, said balance may be applied to the payment of  
38 such temporary loan.

39 Notes issued under sections four, six and six A for a shorter period than is permitted by  
40 said sections may be refunded by the issue of other notes within the required period; provided,  
41 however, that the period from the date of issue of the original loan to the date of maturity of the  
42 refunding loan shall be not more than the statutory authorization; and provided, further, that no  
43 notes shall be refunded under this section except under authority of such vote, if any, as is  
44 required for the original borrowing.

45 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.