

SENATE No. 2423

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael D. Brady

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 establishing an East Bridgewater Sewer District.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Brady, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2423) of Michael D. Brady, Michelle M. DuBois and Walter F. Timilty (by vote of the town) for legislation to establish an East Bridgewater Sewer District. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing an East Bridgewater Sewer District.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall
2 be a sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater called the East Bridgewater town center
3 sewer district. The district shall include the land and buildings located in the town center section
4 of the town shown on assessors map 51 as parcels 1,13,15,16,23,25,26,29,37 and 45 and on
5 assessors map 61 as parcels 3,4,14,122 and 137. The land and buildings shall be served by the
6 East Bridgewater high school sewer treatment facility. The area contained in the district may be
7 expanded by a vote of the board of selectmen and approval by town meeting.

8 (b) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall serve as the board of
9 sewer commissioners. The board shall have all the powers and responsibilities of a sewer
10 commission under section 4 of chapter 40N for the East Bridgewater town center sewer district
11 and may adopt rules and regulations for access and use of the sewer system. The board shall
12 establish connection fees, use fees and other charges that shall be paid by every person who

13 connects into the district; provided, however, that the fees shall be reasonably related to the
14 capital and operational costs of the sewer system. The director of public works of the town of
15 East Bridgewater, appointed pursuant to chapter 178 of the acts of 2005, shall have the powers
16 and responsibilities of a superintendent of the sewer department pursuant to section 69 of chapter
17 41 of the General Laws.

18 (c) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall have sole discretion to
19 determine which property owners may connect to the East Bridgewater town sewer district and
20 the amount of wastewater treatment capacity allocated to each user of the system. An application
21 for a connection to the district shall be reviewed by a representative of the board of health, a
22 representative of the planning board and the director of the department of public works or the
23 director's designee, who shall make a recommendation to the board regarding the application. In
24 making the recommendation, the representative and director or designee shall consider the
25 overall economic benefit afforded by approval of the application, the amount of available
26 wastewater treatment capacity and other factors that the representatives and director or designee
27 shall deem appropriate.

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