

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason Lewis (BY REQUEST)

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to Proposition 2 1/2 override questions.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John DeGeorge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

148 Franklin St., Stoneham, MA 02180

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2869 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROPOSITION 2 1/2 UNDERRIDE QUESTIONS.

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 21C of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws is amended by adding the following—
2 “Upon receipt of a petition signed by five hundred (500) certified registered voters, the Board of
3 Selectmen shall place a Proposition 2 ½ Underride Question, for the dollar amount specified in the petition, on an
4 election ballot by no later than the next scheduled Annual Town Election; or sooner if a special or other appropriate
5 election is scheduled before then. The amount specified in a petition shall not exceed the greater of either 2 ½% of
6 the total current fiscal year budget amount, or as applicable, 50% of the override amount, appropriated for the
7 current fiscal year. If multiple petitions are submitted prior to any of the aforementioned scheduled elections the
8 dollar amount for the Underride Question shall be taken from the petition the specifies the highest amount. There
9 shall be no limit on the number of times that a petition may be presented for Board of Selectmen action; however, the
10 petition must be received by the Board of Selectmen at least fifty (50) calendar days before a scheduled election
11 date. This Act shall go into effect on the date of approval.”