

HOUSE No. 2996

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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:

An Act relative to public library construction funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2996) of Sarah K. Peake and others for legislation to establish a funding program of grants to cities and towns for approved public library projects. Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development.

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An Act relative to public library construction funding.

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. For a program of grants to cities and towns for approved public library
2 projects as authorized by sections 19G to 19I, inclusive, of chapter 78 of the General Laws;
3 provided further, that not more than \$500,000 of the amount authorized herein may be expended
4 by the board of library commissioners for the administrative costs directly attributable to the
5 projects funded herein, including the costs of temporary personnel; provided, however, that no
6 permanent personnel shall be compensated from this item; provided further, that said board shall
7 file an annual spending plan with the fiscal affairs division and the house and senate committees
8 on ways and means which details, by subsidiary, all temporary personnel and administrative
9 costs charged to this item.....\$150,000,000.

10 SECTION 2. To fund initial deposits to the public library projects, established in section
11 1, the state treasurer shall, upon the request of the governor, issue and sell bonds of the
12 commonwealth in an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not
13 exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum or \$150,000,000. All bonds issued by the Commonwealth
14 as aforesaid shall be designated on their face, Public Library Projects, Act of 2012, and shall be
15 issued for such maximum term of years, not exceeding 20 years, as the governor may
16 recommend to the general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the
17 Constitution. All such bonds shall be payable not later than June 30, 2033. All interest and
18 payments on account of principal of such obligations shall be payable from the General Fund.
19 Bonds issued under the authority of this section shall not be included in the computation of
20 outstanding direct bonds for purposes of the limit imposed by the second paragraph of section
21 60A of chapter 29 of the General Laws, nor included in the computation of general obligation
22 debt for purposes of the limit imposed by section 60B of said chapter 29.

23 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.