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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

F. Jay Barrows

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 the Regional Wastewater District Enabling Act for the towns of Mansfield, Foxborough and Norton .

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of F. Jay Barrows relative to the Mansfield, Foxborough, and Norton wastewater district. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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An Act relative to the Regional Wastewater District Enabling Act for the towns of Mansfield, Foxborough and Norton .

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

Section 1. Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2010 "An Act establishing a Regional Wastewater District For the Towns of Mansfield, Foxborough and Norton", is hereby amended by inserting a new SECTION 12 to follow the present SECTION 11 of the Act, as follows:

SECTION 12: Notwithstanding Chapter 101 of the Acts of 2010 or any other law, the towns of Mansfield, Foxborough, and Norton, each acting individually through the municipal board having the authority of sewer commissioners in such town and not acting in concert through the regional governing District Commission created by this Act, in order to fairly recover the costs of expanding the regional wastewater treatment works as described in such Act, are each hereby authorized to assess charges, assessments, betterments, or privilege fees for new connections to their local sewer systems or for expanded uses of the sewer systems by existing users in accordance with Chapter 80 or 83 of the general laws, which sewer connection charges, assessments, betterments, or privilege fees may include that town's proportionate share of the costs to that town pursuant to such Act for the expansion and upgrade of the regional wastewater facilities and which may also include the proportionate share of that town's costs for any local wastewater facilities, including, but not limited to, pumping stations, equipment, and intercepting sewers. Nothing in such Act shall prevent the board having authority of sewer commissioners in such towns from continuing to engage in the constructing, operating, maintaining, expanding, funding and raising local revenue from each town's local municipal wastewater facilities located entirely in each town separate from and independent of the regional facilities and the Regional District Commission created by such Act.

Section 2. This Act shall take effect upon passage.