



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 12, 1981

COUNCILLOR WYLIE

- WHEREAS: Cambridge voters decisively defeated so-called Proposition 2½, Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980, at the election on November 4, 1980; and
- WHEREAS: Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 would make it impossible for the municipal government of Cambridge to provide for the public safety and education of Cambridge citizens; and
- WHEREAS: Cambridge has long indirectly subsidized the cost of higher education under Clause Three of Section Five of Chapter Fifty-Nine because of the large percentage of its land owned by colleges and universities, and can no longer reasonably be expected to continue such subsidizations; and
- WHEREAS: The Cambridge City Council long has favored reform of the tax structure authorized by the Commonwealth so as to relieve the excesssive reliance on the regressive and overburdened real property tax; now therefore be it
- ORDERED: That the Cambridge City Council petitions the General Court as a "Home Rule" petition under the Massachusetts Constitution to enact the attached law entitled AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO HOLD REFERENDA ELECTIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER IT SHALL REDUCE REAL PROPERTY TAXES BY IMPOSING A PAYROLL TAX UPON EMPLOYERS AND TAX THE PROPERTY OF CERTAIN CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, OR ALTERNATIVELY, WHETHER TO EXEMPT CAMBRIDGE FROM CHAPTER 580 OF THE ACTS OF 1980.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of 8 members.

Attest:- Paul E. Healy, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul E. Healy", is written over the printed name of the City Clerk.

C. Wylie re: filing an home rule petition
entitled AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
CAMBRIDGE TO HOLD REFERENDA ELECTIONS TO
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PROPERTY TAXES BY IMPOSING A PAYROLL TAX
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