

**Chapter A252  
WATER**

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Appropriations and Borrowing**

**[The enactments contained in this chapter are Acts of the State Legislature with regard to water management and service within the Town of Peterborough. As such, they appear here as they did in the originals on file in the town offices.]**

**ARTICLE I  
1935 Water Charter Amendment  
[Approved 4-15-1935]**

State of New Hampshire.

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and Thirty-five

AN ACT relative to the management of the water-works in the town of Peterborough.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1. Peterborough Water Works. Amend section 4 of chapter 177 of the Laws of 1895 as amended by an act passed at this session of the legislature approved March 7, 1935, by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following: Sect. 4. The board of selectmen of the town of Peterborough shall be vested with such powers and duties relating to the construction, management, control and direction of said water-works as may from time to time be prescribed by said town. Said board of selectmen shall annually make a report to the town of the condition of the water-works, financially and otherwise, showing the funds belonging to said water-works, the expenses and income thereof and such other facts and information as the town should have, which report shall be published in the annual report of said town each year.
2. Superintendent of Water-Works. Amend section 5 of said chapter 177 of the Laws of 1895 by striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following: Sect 5. The board of selectmen shall appoint and at pleasure remove a superintendent of the water-works and such other officers and agents as they may deem necessary. They shall fix the compensation of all officers and agents appointed by them, which officers and agents shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties.
3. Board of Water Commissioners Abolished. When this act becomes effective the terms of office of the present board of water commissioners shall expire and the board of selectmen shall take over the management and control of said water-works.
4. Takes Effect. This act shall take effect May 1, 1935.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Acting President of the Senate

Approved April 15, 1935.

ARTICLE II  
1953 Water Charter Amendment  
[Approved 3-24-1953]

State of New Hampshire

In the Year of Our Lord One Thousand  
Nine Hundred and fifty-three.

AN ACT relative to bonded indebtedness of the town of Peterborough for water-works.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1. Peterborough Water Works. Amend section 6 of chapter 177 of the Laws of 1895, by striking out the word "sixty" in the tenth line and inserting in place thereof the words, two hundred and fifty, so that said section as amended shall read as follows: Sect. 6. Said town is also authorized and empowered, at any annual, special, or biennial meeting, by a major vote of those present and voting, to raise by taxation and appropriate, or to borrow or hire, such sums of money on the credit of the town as may from time to time be deemed necessary and expedient, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of purchasing real estate, rights in real estate, water-rights, streams, springs, ponds, lakes, and other rights and property as aforesaid, and for constructing, maintaining, repairing, extending, enlarging, and operating said water-works, such indebtedness not to exceed at any one time two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and to issue notes or bonds of the town therefor, in such amounts and payable at such time or times and at such rates of interest as may be thought proper, and may exempt such notes or bonds from taxation when held by inhabitants of the town, said notes and bonds to be signed by at least a majority of the selectmen and countersigned by the town treasurer.
2. Proceedings Legalized. The votes and proceedings in the town of Peterborough at a meeting held March 10, 1953, relative to issuance of notes or bonds for the town water-works, are hereby legalized, ratified and confirmed.
3. Takes Effect. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate

ARTICLE III  
Appropriations and Borrowing  
[Approved 7-5-1977]  
SB 222

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the year of Our Lord one thousand  
nine hundred and seventy-seven

AN ACT

authorizing the town of Peterborough to appropriate money and authorize borrowing for water purposes at special town meetings and authorizing the Mountain Lakes district in the town of Haverhill to exceed its debt limit for a certain purpose.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

404:1 Exemption from General Law Requirements Conferred. Notwithstanding any provisions of general law heretofore or hereafter enacted, and regardless of whether any general law hereafter enacted includes a provision generally repealing acts or parts of acts inconsistent therewith, the town of Peterborough may, at any duly called special town meeting, raise or appropriate money or authorize the issue of bonds or notes for any purpose which involves the improvement, maintenance or operation of its water system and which is then authorized by law, or may reduce or rescind any appropriation previously made for any such purpose, without regard to the number of voters present at the special town meeting and without obtaining any permission or approval from the superior court; provided, however, that no exemption is hereby conferred concerning the requirements of RSA 33:8 that there be a 2/3 vote for the issue of bonds or notes. No other provisions of general or special laws, whenever enacted, which are applicable to the town and which define the powers or procedures by which it may appropriate money or incur indebtedness shall be affected hereby.

404:2 Referendum. Section 1 of this act shall not take effect unless it is adopted by majority vote of those present and voting at the annual town meeting in the town of Peterborough to be warned and held on March 14, 1978, or if the question of such adoption is not submitted to the town at said annual meeting at a special town meeting warned and held for that purpose. The selectmen shall include in the warrant for said annual or special meeting the following article "To see if the town will vote to adopt the provisions of section 1 of an act of the 1977 general court which authorizes the town of Peterborough to appropriate money and authorize borrowing for water purposes at special town meetings." No official ballot shall be used for the voting on said article. If a majority of those present and voting on this question vote in the affirmative, this act shall be declared to have been adopted. Within 10 days after said referendum the town clerk shall certify to the secretary of state the results of said vote.

404:3 Exceeding Debt Limit in Mountain Lakes District. At any annual or special district meeting of the Mountain Lakes district in the town of Haverhill by a 2/3 affirmative vote of those present and voting, the district may exceed its debt limit for that one year for the purpose of purchasing a water works.

404:4 Effective Date. Sections 2 and 3 of this act shall take effect upon its passage, and the remainder of the act shall take effect as prescribed in section 2.

Approved: July 5, 1977

Effective date: Sections 2 and 3 effective July 5, 1977 and the remainder of the act shall take effect as prescribed in section 2.