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ATSALIS: “MONEY FOR SPECIAL ELECTION WILL HELP TOWNS”

State Representative **Demetrius J. Atsalis**, 2nd Barnstable District, is pleased with the passage of a supplemental appropriation by the House yesterday which will assist towns in paying for the special elections held this past December and January. The 7.2 million dollar appropriation will help to offset the additional unforeseen cost which towns incurred when the state called for a special election to replace the late Senator Edward Kennedy. **Atsalis said**, “at a time when our towns are **struggling with all costs**, asking them to pay for an unplanned election would be wrong and financially a real hardship”. Atsalis continued. “**this is one appropriation which virtually everyone can agree was needed and well timed**”.

According to Barnstable Town Clerk, Linda Hutchenrider, the total cost to Barnstable from both the December primary and the January special election was just over 50 thousand dollars(**\$50,657.24**): she stated, “**that is big dent in any budget so these dollars are greatly appreciated.** “