

cers and with special laws relating to the town, shall not be affected thereby, but any other by-law inconsistent with such general or special laws shall be revoked. Any subsequent vote to rescind the acceptance of this act shall not be taken oftener than once in every three years.

*Approved April 29, 1949.*

AN ACT SUBJECTING THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF VETERANS' GRAVES AND REGISTRATION IN THE CITY OF BOSTON TO THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 245

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The office of supervisor of veterans' graves and registration in the city of Boston shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations, and the term of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws; provided, however, that the present incumbent of said office may continue to serve as such after passing a qualifying examination to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved April 29, 1949.*

AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN PROPERTY IN THE DRACUT WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT. Chap. 246

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 433 of the acts of 1905 is hereby amended by striking out section 8 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 8.* Whenever a tax is duly voted by the district for the purposes of this act, the clerk shall send a certified copy of the vote to the assessors of said town, who shall assess the same on property within the district in the same manner in all respects in which town taxes are required by law to be assessed; provided, that no estate shall be subject to any tax assessed on account of the system of water supply under this act if, in the judgment of the board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, after a hearing, due notice whereof shall have been given, such estate is so situated that it can receive no aid in the extinguishment of fire from the said system of water supply, or if such estate is so situated that the buildings thereon, or the buildings that might be constructed thereon, could not be supplied with water from said system in any ordinary or reasonable manner; but all other estates in the district shall be deemed to be benefited and shall be subject to such tax. A certified list of the estates exempt from taxation under the provisions of this section shall annually be sent by said board of water commissioners to said assessors, at the same time at which the clerk shall send a certified copy of the

vote as aforesaid. The assessment shall be committed to the town collector, who shall collect said tax in the manner provided by law for the collection of town taxes, and shall deposit the proceeds thereof with the district treasurer for the use and benefit of the district. The district may collect interest on overdue taxes in the manner in which interest is authorized to be collected on town taxes.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters of the territory included within said district present and voting thereon, by the use of a check list, at a district meeting called within four years after its passage, but not otherwise.

*Approved April 29, 1949.*

**Chap. 247** AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT FOR THE TOWN OF IPSWICH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Upon the acceptance of this act by the town of Ipswich, as hereinafter provided, the annual town election of said town for the purpose of electing town officers and to take action on such matters as are by law to be determined by ballot, shall be held on the second Monday in March of each year, and the annual meeting for the transaction of all other business shall be held on the first Monday of March each year at half past seven o'clock in the evening.

SECTION 2. *Election of Selectmen.* — At the first town election following acceptance of this act, the registered voters of the town shall elect two selectmen for three years, two selectmen for two years and one selectman for one year. At each annual town election thereafter, the voters shall elect selectmen for three year terms to replace those whose terms are about to expire. When a vacancy occurs among the selectmen by reason of death, resignation, change of residence from the town or other disability, the remaining selectmen shall have power to fill the vacancy until the next annual town election, at which the voters shall elect a selectman for the remainder of the unexpired term. The selectmen shall serve until their respective successors are qualified. Upon the qualification of selectmen first elected under this act, the term of office of the board of selectmen then existing shall terminate.

SECTION 3. *Appointive Powers of Selectmen.* — The selectmen shall appoint, and may remove, election officers, the town accountant, the registrars of voters, except the town clerk.

SECTION 4. *Election of School Committee.* — At the first annual town election following the acceptance of this act, the registered voters of the town shall elect by ballot seven members of the school committee; two for a term of one year; two for a term of two years, and three for a term of three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected members of the school committee, each for a term of three