

AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF PEPPERELL. *Chap. 62*

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

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of Harold King, the incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Pepperell, shall be unlimited, but he may be removed therefrom, lowered in rank or compensation or transferred upon the revocation of the acceptance of this act in the manner provided by section two thereof, or for cause after hearing in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. At any time after the expiration of one year from the date on which this act is accepted, and not less than sixty days before the date of an annual meeting, a petition, signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered voters of the town, may be filed with the selectmen, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. Thereupon the selectmen shall cause the question of revocation of the acceptance to be placed on the ballot at the next annual election. At said election the vote shall be taken in answer to the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot: "Shall the acceptance by the town of Pepperell of an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled 'An Act providing tenure of office for the chief of police of the town of Pepperell' be revoked?" If such revocation is favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon by ballot, the acceptance of this act shall be revoked and this act shall become null and void beginning with the first day of the month next following such revocation.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at the annual meeting in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: — "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled 'An Act providing tenure of office for the chief of police of the town of Pepperell', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 16, 1951.*

AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE TOWN OF GROTON. *Chap. 63*

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

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of Eliot P. Clark, the incumbent of the office of chief of police in the town of Groton, shall be unlimited, but he may be removed therefrom, lowered in rank or compensation or transferred upon

the revocation of the acceptance of this act in the manner provided by section two thereof, or for cause after hearing in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. At any time after the expiration of one year from the date on which this act is accepted, and not less than sixty days before the date of an annual meeting, a petition, signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered voters of the town, may be filed with the selectmen, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. Thereupon the selectmen shall cause the question of revocation of the acceptance to be placed on the ballot at the next annual election. At said election the vote shall be taken in answer to the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot: — "Shall the acceptance by the town of Groton of an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled 'An Act providing tenure of office for the chief of police in the town of Groton' be revoked?" If such revocation is favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon by ballot, the acceptance of this act shall be revoked and this act shall become null and void beginning with the first day of the month next following such revocation.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at the annual meeting in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-two in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: — "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-one, entitled 'An Act providing tenure of office for the chief of police in the town of Groton', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 16, 1951.*

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*Chap. 64* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORTON TO TAKE OVER THE PROPERTIES AND ASSUME THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE NORTON FIRE DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. The town of Norton is hereby authorized to take over all the properties, rights, powers and privileges of the Norton Fire District, established by chapter four hundred and twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and eleven, and to assume all the duties and obligations of said district, and shall thereby become in all respects the lawful successor to said district.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not affect any act done, ratified or confirmed by said district or any of its officers prior to the effective date of this act, nor any right accrued or established, nor any action, suit or proceeding commenced or had in a civil case, nor shall it impair the