

had been in full force and effect on the date when the warrant for such meeting was posted.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 5, 1951.

Chap.207 AN ACT CONSTITUTING THE ASSENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE ACT OF CONGRESS ENTITLED "AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE UNITED STATES SHALL AID THE STATES IN FISH RESTORATION AND MANAGEMENT PROJECTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES".

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to enable the commonwealth to receive without delay the benefits of the act of Congress referred to therein, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts hereby assents to the provisions of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide that the United States shall aid the states in fish restoration and management projects, and for other purposes", approved August ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty (Public Law 681, 81st Congress), and the division of fisheries and game is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to perform such acts as may be necessary to the conduct and establishment of co-operative fish restoration projects, as defined in said act of Congress, in compliance with said act and rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior thereunder; and no funds accruing to the commonwealth from license fees paid by fishermen shall be diverted for any other purpose than the administration of the division of fisheries and game and for the protection, propagation, preservation and investigation of fish and game.

Approved April 9, 1951.

Chap.208 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXERCISE OF LOCAL OPTION IN RESPECT TO THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN TAVERNS.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 138 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 11A, as amended, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 11A.* Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city council of any city and the selectmen of any town shall, upon the filing with the city or town clerk of a petition signed by registered voters of such city or town equal in number to at least one

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 138, § 11A, etc., amended.
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per cent of the whole number of registered voters therein and conforming to the provisions of section thirty-eight of chapter forty-three relative to initiative petitions, requesting that the question of licensing the sale in such city or town of alcoholic beverages in taverns be submitted to the voters thereof, call a special election to be held within a period of sixty days from the filing of such petition, and cause to be so submitted thereat the following question:—
 “Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages in taverns?”

YES.	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Except as otherwise provided in this section, in any city or town wherein a regular election is about to be held, the city council or selectmen, upon the filing of such a petition at least thirty days before such election, shall cause said question to be submitted to the voters thereof at such election. The foregoing question shall not be submitted to the voters of any city or town under this section oftener than once in two years.

If a majority of the votes cast in such a city or town in answer to the question hereinbefore set forth are in the affirmative, such city or town shall be taken to have authorized the sale therein in taverns of such alcoholic beverages, if any, as are from time to time lawfully authorized to be sold in such city or town, subject in all respects to the provisions of this chapter, but only pending the taking under this section of the next succeeding vote, if any, on such question.

Approved April 9, 1951.

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTION TAKEN BY THE TOWN OF WEYMOUTH RELATIVE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAID TOWN.

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Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The action of the town of Weymouth at its annual town election in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-five, in voting to accept the provisions of sections forty-two to forty-four, inclusive, of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, which relates to the establishment of a fire department under the control of a chief of the fire department, and all action purportedly taken by the officials of said town under said sections, are hereby confirmed and made valid in so far as the same were invalid for the reason that they were not accepted in the manner authorized by law, and the provisions of said sections forty-two to forty-four, inclusive, so far as they relate to the fire department of said town, shall continue to be operative therein.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 9, 1951.