

tions of the clerk of the finance committee, clerk of the personnel board and clerk of the conservation commission of the town of Billerica be exempted from the civil service law and rules', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved August 9, 1974.

Chap. 789. AN ACT REMOVING THE TRADEMARK TERM "CHEMICAL MACE" FROM THE LAW PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE USE OF CERTAIN DEVICES IN THE COMMISSION OF A CRIME.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 269 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 10C, as amended by section 9 of chapter 892 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 10C. Whoever uses tear gas cartridges, or any device or instrument which contains a liquid, gas, powder, or any other substance designed to incapacitate for the purposes of committing a crime shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than seven years.

Approved August 9, 1974.

Chap. 790. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NAHANT TO APPOINT ARTHUR J. COLLINS AS A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law or rule to the contrary regulating the maximum age of police officers, the town of Nahant may appoint Arthur J. Collins as a permanent member of the police department of said town provided he meets all other requirements for certification and appointment to such position, and provided further that there is no person on the eligible list willing to accept appointment as a permanent member of said police department of said town on the effective date of this act.

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

Approved August 9, 1974.

Chap. 791. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF NORFOLK COUNTY TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR A COURT HOUSE IN THE TOWN OF DEDHAM FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Norfolk county are