

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January first, Effective date.
 nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

Approved June 12, 1934.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PARTIAL RESTORATION OF SALARIES
 AND COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES
 OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND OF THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
 RECENTLY REDUCED.

Chap. 289

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The rate of salary or compensation payable immediately prior to the effective date of this act to the holder of each office and position in the service of the city of Boston or of the county of Suffolk may, subject to appropriation, be increased by an amount equivalent to one third of the net reduction made in such rate by or under chapter one hundred and twenty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three. The rates of salary or compensation as increased hereby, shall be effective as of April first of the current year, and until their full restoration, in accordance with said chapter one hundred and twenty-one.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council of the city of Boston subject to the provisions of its charter. *Approved June 12, 1934.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF JUDGES OF PROBATE IN
 SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Chap. 290

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section two of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:— There shall be three judges of probate in the county of Suffolk and two judges of probate in each of the counties of Middlesex, Essex and Worcester, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 2.* There shall be three judges of probate in the county of Suffolk and two judges of probate in each of the counties of Middlesex, Essex and Worcester. The senior judge shall be the first judge in each county, to whom, and to his successors, all bonds required by law to be given to the judge of probate for said counties shall be made payable. The probate court and the court of insolvency for said counties may be held by one or both of the judges, and, when so held, shall have and exercise all the powers and jurisdiction committed to the respective courts. The judges shall so arrange the performance of their duties as to insure a prompt and punctual discharge thereof. The judges may perform each other's duties when necessary or convenient. Simultaneous sessions of the courts in said counties may be held if public convenience requires. Citations, orders of notice and all other processes issued by the register of probate and insolvency, in this chap-

G. L. (Ter.
 Ed.), 217,
 § 2, amended.

Number of
 judges of
 probate in
 certain
 counties.

ter called the register, for any of said counties, shall bear teste of the first judge of said court. Deposits or investments made in the name of the judge of probate shall be in the name of the first judge of the court, and shall be subject to the order of the court.

Approved June 12, 1934.

Chap. 291 AN ACT RELATIVE TO INDEMNIFICATION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC EMPLOYEES FOR DAMAGES SUSTAINED THROUGH OPERATION OF CERTAIN PUBLICLY OWNED VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 12, § 33, etc., amended.

Indemnification or protection of state officers, etc., for damages sustained through operation of state-owned motor vehicles.

SECTION 1. Section three B of chapter twelve of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section one of chapter three hundred and eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "therefrom" in the sixth line the words:—, or for damage to property,— by inserting after the word "dollars" in the twenty-third line the words:— on account of injury to or death of one person, and not exceeding one thousand dollars on account of damage to property,— and by striking out, in the thirty-sixth line, the words "five thousand dollars" and inserting in place thereof the words:— the respective limits hereinabove set forth,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 3B.* Upon the filing with the attorney general of a written request of any officer or employee of the commonwealth or of the metropolitan district commission that the attorney general defend him against an action for damages for bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, arising out of the operation of a motor or other vehicle owned by the commonwealth, including one under the control of said commission, wherein such officer or employee consents to be bound by any decision that the attorney general may make in connection with the trial or settlement of such action, the attorney general shall, if after investigation it appears to him that such officer or employee was at the time the cause of action arose acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, take over the management and defence of such action. The attorney general may adjust or settle any such action, at any time before, during or after trial, if he finds after investigation that the plaintiff is entitled to damages from such officer or employee, and in such case there shall be paid from the state treasury for settlement in full of such action from such appropriation as may be made by the general court for the purposes of this section such sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars on account of injury to or death of one person, and not exceeding one thousand dollars on account of damage to property, as the attorney general shall determine to be just and reasonable and as the governor and council shall approve.

If an execution issued on a final judgment in such an action is presented to the state treasurer by an officer qualified to