

and thirty-four, nineteen hundred and thirty-five, nineteen hundred and thirty-six and nineteen hundred and thirty-seven" and inserting in place thereof the words: — to nineteen hundred and forty, inclusive, — and by striking out, in the sixteenth line, the word "thirty-four" and inserting in place thereof the word: — sixty-eight, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The county of Barnstable is hereby authorized to contribute to the cost of constructing sea walls or other works to be built by the department of public works during the years nineteen hundred and thirty-three to nineteen hundred and forty, inclusive, under the provisions of section eleven of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws for the protection of the shores of the towns in said county from erosion by the sea, and the treasurer of said county, with the approval of the county commissioners, may pay the county's proportion of such cost from the highway appropriation or, for the purpose of so contributing, may borrow from time to time on the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, sixty-eight thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Barnstable County Shore Protection Loan, Act of 1933. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than five years from their dates. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell such securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

*Approved February 19, 1937.*

*Chap. 40* AN ACT REQUIRING THE PERIODIC REPLACEMENT OF METERS FOR MEASURING GAS BY MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANTS.

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

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and fifteen A of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "company" in the second and fourth lines, in each instance, the words: — or municipal lighting plant, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 115A.* Each meter for measuring gas provided by a gas company or municipal lighting plant to a consumer shall, not later than seven years from the date of installation or replacement, be removed by the company or municipal lighting plant from the premises of the consumer and replaced by it with such a meter which has been newly tested, sealed and stamped in accordance with law.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 164, § 115A, etc., amended.

Replacement of gas meters.

SECTION 2. A municipal lighting plant shall be deemed to be complying with the provisions of this act with respect to meters used for measuring gas provided by it prior to the effective date hereof if, beginning in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, it shall annually remove from the premises of its consumers at least fifteen per cent of the total number of such meters in use on such effective date and replace them with such meters which have been newly tested, sealed and stamped in accordance with law.

Temporary provisions.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight.

Effective date.

*Approved February 19, 1937.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF INCOME RECEIVED AT COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOLS. Chap. 41

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

Section thirty of chapter seventy-four of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "treasurer" in the last line, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 30.* Miscellaneous income of the Bristol county agricultural school, the Essex county agricultural school and the Norfolk county agricultural school, including the tuition of non-resident pupils and receipts from the sale of products and work of pupils, shall be paid to the county treasurer.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 74, § 30, amended.

Disposition of income.

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AN ACT TO ENABLE THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACQUIRE ADDITIONAL LAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF LOWELL AT LOWELL IN SAID COUNTY. Chap. 42

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, or by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, additional land adjacent to the lands owned by the said county and used for the district court of Lowell in the city of Lowell in said county, and, for said purpose, may expend out of any appropriation for county buildings a sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance during the current year by the county commissioners of said county, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 19, 1937.*