

lar compensation is paid by the commonwealth or the metropolitan district commission as the case may be, shall mean any person, whether employed or appointed for a stated term or otherwise, who is engaged in duties which require that his time be devoted to the service of either such governmental unit in each year during the ordinary working hours of regular and permanent employees and who is regularly and permanently employed in such service, including employees of the general court, state officials, constitutional officers, members of the general court or other persons elected by popular vote, but excluding members of the judiciary.

*Approved June 15, 1950.*

**Chap.538** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CITIES AND TOWNS MAY MAKE TEMPORARY MINOR REPAIRS ON PRIVATE WAYS THEREIN IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 40, new § 6E, added.

Cities and towns may repair certain private ways in certain instances.

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6D, inserted by chapter 225 of the acts of 1943, the following section:— *Section 6E.* A city which accepts this section by vote of its city council subject to the provisions of its charter, or a town which accepts the same by vote of its inhabitants at an annual town meeting, may make temporary minor repairs on private ways which have been opened to public use for six years or more, and in such cases section twenty-five of chapter eighty-four shall not apply. The cost of such repairs shall be paid by the abutters. Such repairs shall be made only if petitioned for by the abutters. No such repairs shall be commenced unless and until a cash deposit equal in amount to the estimated cost of such repairs as determined by the city or town department or contractor duly authorized by said city or town department to do the work, is paid over to said city or town. Said temporary minor repairs shall only include the filling in of holes or depressions with sand, gravel, cinders or waste materials and shall not include the resurfacing or permanent construction of said ways with concrete or bituminous materials.

*Approved June 15, 1950.*

**Chap.539** AN ACT REQUIRING THE REGISTER OF DEEDS AND THE ASSISTANT RECORDER OF THE LAND COURT TO FURNISH ABSTRACT CARDS AND PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF RECORDED INSTRUMENTS TO BOARDS OF ASSESSORS AND TO ESTABLISH THE FEES THEREFOR.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 36, § 24B, etc., amended.

Register of deeds, etc., in certain counties shall furnish

SECTION 1. Chapter 36 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24B, as most recently amended by chapter 189 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 24B.* The register, or said register as the assistant recorder of the land court, in each county except Suffolk, Dukes and Nantucket