

with the following, designated as town meeting members at large; namely, any member of the general court of the commonwealth from the town, the moderator, the town clerk, the selectmen, the town treasurer, the town counsel, the highway surveyor, the chairman of the trustees of the public library, the chairman of the finance committee, the chairman of the school committee, the chairman of the board of assessors, the chairman of the board of health, the chairman of the park commission, the chairman of the board of town cemeteries, the chairman of the registrars of voters, the tax collector, the chairman of the board of public welfare, the chairman of the board of sewer commissioners, the chairman of the board of appeal under zoning by-laws, the chairman of the planning board and the town accountant.

SECTION 2. Section one of this act shall be submitted for acceptance to the town meeting members of the town of Milford at the next annual town meeting under an article which the selectmen of said town are hereby directed to insert in the warrant for such meeting, and shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the town meeting members voting thereon. *Approved February 17, 1953.*

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE LAW RELATIVE *Chap. 61*
TO THE ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 210 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 3, as most recently amended by chapter 352 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 3.* The consent of the persons named in section two, other than the child or her husband, if any, shall not be required if the person to be adopted is of full age, nor shall the consent of any such person other than the child be required if such person is adjudged by the court hearing the petition to be hopelessly insane, or is imprisoned in any penal institution in this commonwealth under sentence for a term of which more than three years remain unexpired at the date of the petition; or if he has wilfully deserted or neglected to provide proper care and maintenance for such child for one year last preceding the date of the petition, and the foregoing provision shall be applicable to the parent or parents of the child and their consent shall not be required notwithstanding the absence of a court decree ordering said parent or parents to pay for the support of said child, and notwithstanding a court decree awarding custody of said child to another; or if he has suffered such child to be supported for more than one year continuously prior to the petition by an incorporated charitable institution or by a town or by the commonwealth; or if he has been sentenced to imprisonment for drunkenness upon a third conviction within one year and neglects to provide proper care and maintenance for such child; or if such person has been convicted of being a common night

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 210, § 3, etc., amended.

Adoption of children, regulated.

walker or a lewd, wanton and lascivious person, and neglects to provide proper care and maintenance for such child. A giving up in writing of a child, for the purpose of adoption, to an incorporated charitable institution or the department of public welfare shall operate as a consent to any adoption subsequently approved by such institution or said department. Notice of the petition shall be given to the department of public welfare, if the child is supported by a town or by the commonwealth, and if the child is supported by a town, notice shall also be given to the board of public welfare thereof, and in Boston said notice shall be given both to the overseers of the public welfare in the city of Boston and to the institutions department.

Approved February 17, 1953.

Chap. 62 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES AND THE PURCHASE OF ADDITIONAL X-RAY EQUIPMENT AT THE HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SANATORIUM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of installing additional water supply facilities, and for the purchase of additional X-ray equipment for use at the Hampshire county sanatorium, situated in that portion of the city of Northampton known as Leeds, the county commissioners of Hampshire county may expend a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars. Said sum shall ultimately be repaid by the counties of Hampshire, Franklin and Berkshire in the same proportions as are established and set forth for the payment of maintenance expenses of said sanatorium in existing contracts between the counties of Franklin, Berkshire and Hampshire for the purpose of guaranteeing adequate hospital provision for tubercular patients residing in said counties.

SECTION 2. To provide funds for the purposes of this act, the county treasurer of the county of Hampshire, with the approval of the county commissioners, may borrow on the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, twenty thousand dollars, and may issue notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Hampshire County Sanatorium Water Supply and X-ray Equipment Loan, Act of 1953. Such notes shall be payable in not more than three years from the date of issue. The notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. To meet payments of principal and interest on account of said notes, each of the counties of Franklin and Berkshire shall, upon the certification to the county commissioners of said county by the county treasurer of Hampshire county, pay such sum into the treasury of Hampshire county; and, for the purposes hereof, the sum so required to be paid by each such county shall be treated as tuberculosis hospital maintenance, and the pertinent provi-