

the municipal court of the Dorchester district and in the municipal court of the West Roxbury district three court officers may be appointed; in the municipal court of the South Boston district, of the Charlestown district, the East Boston district court, the district court of Chelsea, the central district court of Worcester, the first district court of Eastern Middlesex, the second district court of Eastern Middlesex, the district court of Springfield, the district court of Somerville and the district court of East Norfolk two court officers for each court may be appointed; and in each of the other district courts in the commonwealth one court officer may be appointed.

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

Approved March 5, 1953.

AN ACT TO EXTEND THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW TO INCLUDE SPECIAL AND RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS EMPLOYED BY CONTRACTORS UNDER CONTRACTS WITH CITIES AND TOWNS.

Chap. 139

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The second paragraph of subdivision (4) of section 1 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 109 of the acts of 1951, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commission", in line 8, the words: — or any city or town, — and by inserting after the word "commission", in line 10, the words: — or city or town, — so as to read as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 1, etc., amended.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section one hundred of chapter forty-one, any reserve or special police officer who is employed by a contractor for the purpose of directing or maintaining traffic or other similar purposes upon any way which is being constructed or reconstructed or upon which other types of construction projects are in progress under contract with the state department of public works or the metropolitan district commission or any city or town, and who is paid directly for such services by a contractor engaged in the performance of such a contract with said department or commission or city or town, shall be conclusively presumed to be an employee of such contractor while so employed and paid; and, notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the compensation provided by this chapter shall be paid to any such police officer who receives an injury arising out of and in the course of such employment, or, in case of death resulting from such injury, to the persons entitled thereto.

Workmen's compensation law to apply to certain police officers.

Approved March 5, 1953.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF DIGHTON TO RETIRE AND PAY A PENSION TO DWIGHT LANE.

Chap. 140

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good and in consideration of his long and meritorious serv-

ice as town treasurer, the town of Dighton is hereby authorized to retire and pay a pension to Dwight Lane, town treasurer of said town. The amount of the pension shall be ten hundred dollars per annum and shall be paid in equal monthly instalments during his lifetime.

SECTION 2. Any action taken at a town meeting in Dighton in the current year pursuant to authority contained in this act shall be as valid and effective as though this act was in full effect at the time of the posting of the warrant for said meeting.

SECTION 3. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the selectmen of the town of Dighton.
Approved March 5, 1953.

Chap. 141 AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF DEPOSITS WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED BY A SAVINGS BANK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 168, § 31, etc., amended.

Amount of deposits in savings banks, limited.

SECTION 1. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 31, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 45 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 31.* Such corporation may receive on deposit from any person not more than seventy-five hundred dollars; and may allow interest upon such deposits, and upon the interest accumulated thereon, until the principal, with the accrued interest, amounts to fifteen thousand dollars; and thereafter upon no greater amount than fifteen thousand dollars; but this section shall not apply to deposits by a religious or charitable corporation or labor union, or credit union, or fraternal benefit society, or in the name of a judge of probate, or by order of any court, or on account of a sinking fund of a town in the commonwealth or of any trust fund held by a town for public uses, or of the funds of any state, county or municipal retirement or pension system or association, or of the funds of the Savings Banks Employees Retirement Association.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 168, § 31A, etc., amended.

Same subject. Joint accounts.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 168 is hereby further amended by striking out section 31A, as most recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 45, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 31A.* Such corporation may receive deposits on joint accounts provided for in section fourteen of chapter one hundred and sixty-seven to the amount of fifteen thousand dollars, and may allow interest upon such deposits and upon the interest accumulated thereon until the principal with the accrued interest amounts to thirty thousand dollars, and thereafter upon no greater amount than thirty thousand dollars. Persons having such joint accounts may also make deposits in their individual names, but the total amount of such deposits, both joint and individual, shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and such corporation may allow interest upon such deposits and upon the interest accumulated thereon until the principal