

Laws and in issuing and selling such bonds under authority of section four of chapter seven hundred and ninety of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-nine shall be as effective in all respects as though this act had been in full force and effect since the twenty-ninth day of August, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

*Approved April 16, 1953.*

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH TRAVEL ALLOWANCES FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT AND TO REIMBURSE THEM FOR SUCH OF THEIR EXPENDITURES AS ARE SINGULARLY AND SOLELY INCIDENTAL TO THE ADEQUATE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES.

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*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make its provisions effective forthwith, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 9A, repealed by section 1 of chapter 635 of the acts of 1952, the following section:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 3, new § 9B, added.

*Section 9B.* Each member of the general court shall receive four hundred dollars annually for expenses, to be paid in the manner following, to wit: each member shall be entitled to receive fifty dollars on the first day of each session and on the first day of each month thereafter until the sum of four hundred dollars above named shall have been paid; and on the last day of the session there shall be paid to each member of the general court the balance, if any remain unpaid, of the sum of four hundred dollars.

Travel allowances and expenses of members of the general court, established.

Each member of the general court who lives less than forty miles from the state house shall receive seven cents for every mile traveling distance as established by the mileage schedules adopted by the house and senate respectively, in eighteen hundred and ninety-two with additions thereto which have been authorized from time to time, from his place of abode to the state house and return therefrom for each day of attendance upon the general court but for not more than four days in each week, and for four days attendance in each week no member shall receive less than four dollars and fifty cents; each member of the general court who lives forty miles or more from the state house shall receive the aforementioned allowance or, at his election, an allowance of seven cents per mile for not more than one round trip a week and in addition a maximum of five dollars and fifty cents a day for not more than four days in each week for lodging expenses and a maximum of four dollars for two meals a day for not more than four days in each week. Payments authorized under this paragraph shall be paid by the state treasurer only upon a voucher in which a member certifies that he travelled daily as above specified

or travelled and incurred expenses for lodgings and meals daily as above specified and shall be payable on or after the last day of each legislative week.

The above allowances for expenses, travel, lodging and meals shall not be due or payable to any member after thirty days subsequent to prorogation of the regular legislative session in the year to which said allowances apply.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 29, § 18, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. The last sentence of section 18 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of chapter 248 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 5, the letter "A" and inserting in place thereof the letter: — B, — so as to read as follows: — No certificate shall be required from the comptroller for payment of the pay rolls of the members of the council and general court, or for the traveling and other expenses of members of the general court as provided in section nine B of chapter three.

Comptroller certificate, not required.

Effective date.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

*Approved April 16, 1953.*

**Chap.264** AN ACT RELATIVE TO STANDARDS OF CERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN TEACHERS IN THE MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 71, § 38G, etc., amended.

Section 38G of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph inserted by chapter 530 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Standards of certification of teachers, regulated.

The board of education, hereinafter referred to as the board, shall grant certificates upon application to teachers, principals, supervisors, directors, superintendents and assistant superintendents of schools who furnish the board with satisfactory proof that they (1) are American citizens, (2) are in good health, (3) are of sound moral character, (4) possess a bachelor's degree or are graduates of a normal school approved by the board, and (5) meet such requirements as to courses of study and semester hours therein as may be established and put into effect by said board; provided, nevertheless, that no requirements respecting such courses of study and semester hours therein shall take effect prior to three years subsequent to their promulgation by said board. The board may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its duties in granting such certificates.

*Approved April 16, 1953.*

**Chap.265** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

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

SECTION 1. The office of chief of the police department in the town of East Longmeadow shall, upon the effective