

*Chap.340* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 544 of the acts of 1947 is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence, as amended by section 1A of chapter 197 of the acts of the current year, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — They shall not be in the employ of, or own any stock in, or be in any way, directly or indirectly, pecuniarily interested in, any gas or electric company, bus or street railway company.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 6, 1953.*

*Chap.341* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE BOSTON JUVENILE COURT AND IN DISTRICT COURTS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY OTHER THAN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Emergency preamble.

*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.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 276, § 83, etc., amended.

The first paragraph of section 83 of chapter 276 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 774 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In the Boston juvenile court and in every district court in Suffolk county, other than the municipal court of the city of Boston, every probation officer except any chief probation officer and any assistant chief probation officer shall receive upon appointment an annual salary of three thousand dollars or such higher annual salary, not exceeding fifty-two hundred dollars, as, because of his years of similar service in allied fields, the mayor of Boston with the approval of the justices of the court may determine, and annually thereafter, upon the anniversary of his appointment, shall receive an increase of two hundred dollars until a maximum annual salary of fifty-two hundred dollars shall have been reached.

*Approved May 6, 1953.*

*Chap.342* AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN OFFICERS, BOARDS OR COMMITTEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS TO EXAMINE CERTAIN WELFARE RECORDS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 66, § 17A, etc., amended.

Section 17A of chapter 66 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 525 of the acts of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 9,