

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,

the words "and representatives of the federal government" and inserting in place thereof the words: — representatives of the federal government and officers, boards or committees of cities and towns responsible for the preparation of annual budgets for such public assistance, the making of recommendations relative to such budgets, or the approval or authorization of payments for such assistance.

Examination
of certain
welfare
records,
authorized.

Approved May 6, 1953.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM Chap.343
FOR THE CITY OF HOLYOKE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six, the provisions of sections thirty-seven to forty-four, inclusive, of chapter forty-three of the General Laws shall apply to the city of Holyoke.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the qualified voters of the city of Holyoke at its biennial municipal election in the current year in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said election: — "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three, entitled 'An Act providing for the initiative and referendum for the city of Holyoke', be accepted by this city?" If a majority of the voters voting thereon vote in the affirmative in answer to said question, then this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved May 6, 1953.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR FURNISHING A CERTIFICATE Chap.344
FOR DISSOLVING A LIEN FOR A BETTERMENT ASSESSMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 12 of chapter 80 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 116 of the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — The collector of taxes shall charge two dollars for each certificate so issued, and the money so received shall be paid into the town treasury.

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 80, § 12,
etc., amended.

Fee.

Approved May 6, 1953.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE CITY Chap.345
PLANNER IN THE CITY OF REVERE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of the present incumbent of the office of city planner in the city of Revere shall be unlimited during good behavior.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved May 6, 1953.