

imbursed under said section seven A only to the extent of the cost of transportation of such child to the nearest available special school.  
*Approved May 6, 1953.*

AN ACT RATIFYING AND CONFIRMING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTHERN WORCESTER COUNTY WELFARE DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. The agreement made on March ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, between the towns of Templeton, Phillipston and Royalston to form a public welfare district, to be known as the Northern Worcester County Welfare District, and the action and vote of the town of Templeton on October twenty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, of the town of Phillipston on December ninth, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and the town of Royalston on March sixth, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, relative to the formation of a public welfare district, and all other proceedings or acts of said towns or of any board or officer of said towns or of any other person relative to the formation of said district, are hereby ratified and confirmed, and are declared binding and legal, and valid as if such agreement and such votes and such proceedings had been accomplished prior to July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-two, and in full conformity with the provisions of section forty-four of chapter one hundred and seventeen of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of the first day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

*Approved May 8, 1953.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS OF PUBLIC ROADS IN STATE FORESTS, PARKS AND RESERVATIONS OUTSIDE OF THE METROPOLITAN PARKS DISTRICT.

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*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the construction and improvement of certain roads by the department of public works, 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. Section 13 of chapter 81 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 563 of the acts of 1952, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "the", in line 11, the words: — construction, improvement and, — so that the third sentence will read as follows: — As used in this chapter, the term "state highways" includes such public roads in state forests, parks and reservations outside of the metropolitan parks district, as may from time to time be designated by the department and the commissioner of con-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 81, § 13, etc., amended.

Construction and improvement of certain roads, authorized.

servations as roads for general public use and the construction, improvement and maintenance shall, subject to appropriation, be done by the department.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 632 of the acts of 1952 is hereby amended by striking out the wording in item 2900-07 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

Special:

2900-07 For the construction, improvement and maintenance by the department of public works of public roads in state forests, parks and reservations outside of the Metropolitan Parks districts, as authorized by chapter five hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-two as amended.

*Approved May 8, 1953.*

*Chap.355* AN ACT PROVIDING IN CERTAIN CASES FOR THE INDEMNIFICATION BY COUNTIES OF JAIL AND CORRECTION OFFICERS SUSTAINING EXPENSES OR DAMAGES AS THE RESULT OF WILFUL ACTS OF INMATES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 126, new § 18A, added.

Indemnification of jail and correction officers for certain damages caused by inmates, authorized.

Chapter 126 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 18, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section: — *Section 18A.* If an officer employed in a jail or house of correction of a county is not determined by the county commissioners under section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and fifty-two to be included in the terms laborers, workmen and mechanics as used in sections sixty-eight to seventy-five, inclusive, of said chapter, the county shall indemnify such officer, in such amount as determined by the county commissioners upon the recommendation of the sheriff of such county, for expenses or damages sustained by such officer, while acting as such officer, as the result of a wilful act of an inmate in such jail or house of correction. Such damages shall include loss of pay by reason of absence from duty on the part of such officer because of temporary incapacity caused by injury suffered through no fault of his own while in the actual performance of duty. If such officer be dead, such expenses or damages shall be payable to his widow, or, if he leaves no widow, then to his next of kin who, at the time of his death, were dependent upon his wages for support.

*Approved May 8, 1953.*

*Chap.356* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HOLDING OF PROPERTY BY THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS BUILDING ASSOCIATION AND THE LEASING OF CERTAIN STATE LAND TO SAID CORPORATION.

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

SECTION 1. University of Massachusetts Building Association, incorporated under the name of Massachusetts State