

not exceeding ten years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged in each issue that the amounts payable in the several years other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix, but such bonds shall be payable not earlier than July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five, nor later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be paid from said Veterans' Services Fund; provided, that, notwithstanding the foregoing, such obligations shall be general obligations of the commonwealth.

SECTION 11. On and after the effective date of this act, the state treasurer shall not sell any additional bonds under the provisions of section two of chapter six hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six.

Appeals.

SECTION 12. Any person aggrieved by a decision of the commission in the matter of payments provided for by this act may appeal to a board, to consist of a member of the department of the state treasurer to be designated by the state treasurer, an assistant attorney general to be designated by the attorney general, and the adjutant general or his representative, and shall be entitled to a hearing, after due notice, upon such appeal. The decision of any such board as established in this section shall be final.

SECTION 13. Sections one, two, three, three A and four of this act shall take effect on September first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three, and the balance thereof shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 5, 1953.*

*Chap.441* AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF PENSIONS FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 403 of the acts of 1948, as amended by chapter 663 of the acts of 1950, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 15, the word "fifteen" and inserting in place thereof the word:— twenty, — so as to read as follows:— For the purpose of promoting the public good and in consideration of long and meritorious service, any person who was employed by the commonwealth in the department of public works on July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, and who, because of having attained age fifty-five before July first, nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, was not eligible to become a member of the contributory retirement system, and who has been in the employ of the commonwealth in the department of public works for not less than fifteen years, and who has worked a total of not less than one hundred and twenty months in said department

during said employment period, and has attained the age of sixty-five or over shall on retirement receive from the commonwealth for the remainder of his life the sum of twenty dollars per week. The expenses for this purpose shall be appropriated from the same source from which said employees received their salary.

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

*Approved June 8, 1953.*

AN ACT TO ASCERTAIN THE WILL OF THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF EVERETT WITH REFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF CONSTRUCTING AND EQUIPPING A NEW CITY HALL.

*Chap. 442*

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of ascertaining the will of the voters of the city of Everett with reference to the question of constructing and equipping a new city hall in said city, there shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at the biennial city election in said city in the current year the following question: — "Shall a new city hall be constructed and equipped in the city of Everett?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, it shall be deemed and taken to be the will of the voters of said city that a new city hall be erected therein, and if a majority of said votes is in the negative, it shall be deemed and taken to be the will of said voters that a new city hall shall not be erected therein.

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

*Approved June 8, 1953.*

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE GRADE CROSSING OF THE BOSTON AND MAINE RAILROAD AND MIDDLESEX STREET IN THE CITY OF LOWELL.

*Chap. 443*

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

The department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to abolish the present grade crossings over the locations of the Boston and Maine Railroad and Middlesex street in the city of Lowell in accordance with plans to be developed by the department of public works for adequate grade separation structures.

For said purposes, said department may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor from the Highway Fund.

*Approved June 8, 1953.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ABOLITION OF CERTAIN GRADE CROSSINGS IN THE TOWN OF MANSFIELD BY THE CONSTRUCTION OF ADEQUATE GRADE SEPARATION STRUCTURES IN PLACE THEREOF.

*Chap. 444*

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

The department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to abolish the present grade crossings over the lo-