

tially impair the rights of the holders of any bonds or notes of the district then outstanding or the rights of the district to procure the means for payment thereof; provided, that this provision shall not prevent the admission of new towns to the district and the reapportionment accordingly of that part of the cost of construction represented by bonds or notes of the district then outstanding and of interest thereon. The foregoing provision for the division of the entire cost of construction among the member towns shall not prevent the district from receiving financial assistance under chapter six hundred and forty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, as amended, or otherwise.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 7, 1951.*

*Chap. 117* AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING PERSONAL LOANS BY CREDIT UNIONS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 171, § 24, etc., amended.

Section 24 of chapter 171 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subdivision (A), as most recently amended by chapter 84 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

(A) PERSONAL LOANS.

Loans regulated.

Each personal loan shall be payable within twenty-four months from the date thereof and shall be paid or renewed on or before such date.

The maximum amount of credit to be extended to a member in excess of the shares and deposits of the maker, and co-maker if any, pledged to secure the same shall be limited as follows:—

1. To an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, if evidenced by the unendorsed and unsecured note of the borrower.

2. To an amount not exceeding three hundred dollars, if evidenced by the note of the borrower with one or more responsible endorsers or co-makers thereon, or with satisfactory collateral pledged to secure the same.

3. To an amount not exceeding one thousand dollars, if evidenced by the note of the borrower with two or more responsible endorsers or co-makers thereon, or with satisfactory collateral pledged to secure the same.

4. To an amount not exceeding two thousand dollars, if evidenced by the note of the borrower fully secured by a pledge of satisfactory collateral valued at not more than eighty per cent of its market value.

5. To an amount not exceeding three thousand dollars, if evidenced by the note of the borrower and with sufficient collateral pledged to secure the same made up of bonds or notes of the United States, or of any state or subdivision thereof, which are legal investments for savings banks, or

credit unions, in this commonwealth valued at not more than eighty per cent of their market value, or by the assignment of the pass book of a depositor in a savings bank doing business in any of the New England states or in the savings department of a trust company or national banking association doing business in this commonwealth, or the pass book of a depositor in a co-operative bank incorporated under chapter one hundred and seventy, or policies issued by life insurance companies authorized to transact business in this commonwealth, valued at not more than their cash surrender value.

6. Notwithstanding the limitations set forth in the paragraphs numbered one and two of this section, a credit union having assets of two hundred thousand dollars or more may make loans in amounts not exceeding three hundred dollars each upon the unendorsed and unsecured note of the borrower, and in amounts not exceeding five hundred dollars each upon the note of the borrower with one or more responsible endorsers or co-makers, or with satisfactory collateral pledged to secure the same.

The amount of a loan under paragraph 2, 3 or 5 evidenced by an unendorsed note of the borrower may, in the discretion of the credit committee, exceed by not more than one hundred dollars the amount warranted, in their opinion, by the value of the collateral offered as security for the loan; but the total amount of any such loan shall not exceed the amount stated in the paragraph under which the loan is made.

For the purposes of this section, an assignment of wages or a pay-roll deduction order may be received as satisfactory collateral for any loan not in excess of two hundred and fifty dollars.

*Approved March 7, 1951.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF MONEY BY THE TOWN OF WINCHENDON TO CERTAIN PERSONS FOR WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS AND CONNECTIONS.

*Chap. 118*

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

Section 1 of chapter 583 of the acts of 1950 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 8 and 15, the word "private" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word: — public, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The town of Winchendon is hereby authorized to appropriate the sum of one thousand and eight dollars and sixty-one cents, and pay four hundred and eighty-five dollars and twenty-two cents of the same to Clifton A. Daniels, and five hundred and twenty-three dollars and thirty-nine cents of the same to John J. Witt, to reimburse them for moneys expended by them for water main extensions and connections in or on certain public ways in said town; provided, that no payments shall be made hereunder unless and until said persons shall have released to said town by proper instru-