

SECTION 1A. Notwithstanding any provisions of this act to the contrary, the provisions of section thirty-four of chapter two hundred and seventeen of the General Laws in effect immediately prior to the effective date of this act shall remain in effect and apply to appointments to the offices referred to therein which are made on or after said effective date.

Severability provision.

SECTION 1B. The provisions of this act are hereby declared to be severable, and if any such provision, or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance shall be held to be unconstitutional, such unconstitutionality shall not be construed to affect the constitutionality of any of the remaining provisions of this act, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those to which it is so held unconstitutional.

Effective date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of September first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Approved October 30, 1951.

Chap. 746 AN ACT TEMPORARILY REVIVING NOYES WHITTIER CORPORATION FOR A CERTAIN PURPOSE.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would delay the corporation revived thereby in resuming the exercise of its former corporate powers to the extent provided thereby, 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:

Noyes Whittier Corporation, a corporation dissolved September twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and forty-five by decree of the supreme judicial court, is hereby revived and continued for a period of six months from the effective date of this act for the sole purpose of conveying title to certain real estate.

Approved October 30, 1951.

Chap. 747 AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING HIGHER EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN OF MASSACHUSETTS MEN AND WOMEN WHO DIED IN THE ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES OR AS A RESULT OF SUCH SERVICE.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide without delay higher education for children of certain war veterans, 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.), 69, § 7B, etc., amended.

Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 7B, as most recently amended by chapter 758 of the acts of 1950, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 7B.* The commonwealth, act-

Education for

ing through the department, may contribute toward the expenses of the higher education of any child, resident in the commonwealth, who has matriculated between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four, inclusive, whose father or mother entered the armed forces of the United States in time of war, or between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and December eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-one, and whose service was credited to Massachusetts, and who was killed in action or died from other cause as a result of such service.

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Any child who is eligible under this section shall, upon becoming a student in any state or county educational institution or other educational institution approved in writing by the commissioner of education, be entitled to reimbursement by the commonwealth, in an amount not to exceed seven hundred and fifty dollars in any year, for expenses for tuition, board and room rent, transportation, and books and supplies necessary or incidental to his pursuit of study at such educational institution. Such reimbursement shall be made to such child, or his guardian, if any, on the presentation of vouchers therefor approved by said commissioner. Such payments shall continue for the benefit of a child only during such time as he remains a student in good standing in the institution in which he is enrolled, and in no event shall any student receive the benefits provided by this section for more than four years.

The said commissioner shall determine the eligibility of children for the benefits provided for in this section.

Approved October 30, 1951.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NORTH EASTON VILLAGE DISTRICT TO INCREASE AND PROTECT ITS WATER SUPPLY. Chap. 748

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 169 of the acts of 1887 is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

The North Easton Village District, for the purpose of protecting, conveying and extending its water supply for domestic and other purposes to its inhabitants, is hereby authorized to take or acquire by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws or by purchase or otherwise and hold, divert and convey to and through the said district the waters of any pond or stream or of any ground water sources within the limits of the town of Easton not already appropriated for public water supply purposes and to similarly acquire the rights of flowage, water rights, water sources, water courses, dams, reservoirs, storage basins, or ground water sources of supply not now used for public water supply purposes; and also for said purposes may take by eminent domain under said chapter seventy-nine or acquire by lease, purchase, gift, devise or otherwise,