

person duly authorized, when taking an acknowledgment or administering an oath with relation to an instrument filed in a proceeding in the probate court shall print or type his name directly below his signature thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall not affect the validity of any instrument or the record thereof.

names on instruments filed in probate court.

SECTION 2. Section 42 of chapter 215 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence:— Any person entering an appearance as herein provided, or in his own behalf, shall print or type his name directly below his signature thereon, but failure to do so shall not affect the validity thereof.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 215, § 42, amended.

Same subject.

SECTION 3. Chapter 217 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following section:— *Section 15A.* The register or assistant register may print or type the name of any person whose signature appears on any instrument filed in the registry of probate and is not clearly legible, such name to be printed or typed directly below such signature.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 217, new § 15A, added.

Registers of probate may print or type name.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on October first, nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

Effective date.

*Approved March 25, 1952.*

AN ACT TO MAKE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT PENSIONS AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES OF PUBLIC MUSEUMS.

*Chap. 185*

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

The paragraph defining "Employee" in section 1 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 543 of the acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "library", in line 8, the words:— or any public museum, — so that the first sentence will read as follows:— "Employee", as applied to persons whose regular compensation, except in the case of any register of probate, is paid by any political subdivision of the commonwealth, except the metropolitan district commission, shall mean any person who is regularly employed in the service of any such political subdivision, including members of the police and fire departments, teachers and employees of any free public library or any public museum maintained in any city or town, to the support of which said city or town contributes not less than one half of the cost, employees of a school lunch program as authorized under the provisions of chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and also including officials and public officers so paid whether employed, appointed or elected by popular vote for stated terms or otherwise, except members of the judiciary.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32, § 1, etc., amended.

Contributory retirement pensions made available to employees of public museums.

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