

willing to serve, a registered voter of the city duly qualified to vote for a candidate for the office of city councillor. If in any of the aforesaid events a choice is not made as hereinbefore provided within fifteen days after the notification of the city council by the city clerk, the choice shall be made by the mayor, or, if there is no mayor, by the city councillor senior in length of service, or, if there be more than one such, by the city councillor senior both in age and length of service. For the purposes of section seventeen D, votes of the city council under this section shall be deemed to be votes electing officials.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 452 is hereby further amended by striking out section 19, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 19.* If at any time a vacancy occurs in the school committee from any cause, the mayor, the president of the city council and the remaining school committeemen, meeting in joint convention, shall, within fifteen days after the vacancy arises, choose, as school committeeman for the unexpired term, whichever of the defeated candidates for the office of school committeeman at the regular municipal election at which school committeemen were elected for the term in which the vacancy occurs, who are eligible and willing to serve, received the highest number of votes at such election, or, if there is no such defeated candidate eligible and willing to serve, a registered voter of the city duly qualified to vote for a candidate for the office of school committeeman. If at a regular municipal election there is a failure to elect a school committeeman or if a person elected school committeeman at such an election resigns or dies before taking office, within fifteen days after the remaining school committeemen-elect take office, such school committeemen and the then mayor and the then president of the city council shall meet in joint convention and choose, as school committeeman for the unexpired term, whichever of the defeated candidates for the office of school committeeman at such election, who are eligible and willing to serve, received the highest number of votes at such election, or, if there is no such defeated candidate eligible and willing to serve, a registered voter of the city duly qualified to vote for a candidate for the office of school committeeman.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 27, 1952.*

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*Chap. 191* AN ACT CONFIRMING AND VALIDATING THE ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN OF BRAINTREE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE.

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

SECTION 1. The action of the selectmen of the town of Braintree in December, nineteen hundred and forty-five, in accepting sections fifty-six to fifty-nine, inclusive, of chapter

thirty-two of the General Laws, is hereby confirmed and made valid in so far as said action may be invalid by reason of the failure of said selectmen to enter the fact of such acceptance in their records, and by reason of the failure of the town to comply with the provisions of section five of chapter four of the General Laws, and said sections are hereby made effective in said town.

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

*Approved March 27, 1952.*

AN ACT PROVIDING PENALTY FOR FAILURE OF NATURAL GAS PIPE LINE COMPANIES TO RESTORE PROPERTIES TO REASONABLE CONDITION. Chap.192

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part provides for the early restoration of the surface of certain land where pipes, structures and equipment have been placed for the use of natural gas, 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:*

Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 75E, inserted by section 1 of chapter 574 of the acts of 1951, the following section: — *Section 75F.* Any natural gas pipe line company which lays pipes or other underground equipment or structures, or repairs or alters the same, on any land on which it does not have a fee or a binding agreement with the landowner, shall within sixty days after laying such pipes, equipment or structures, or making such repairs or alterations, restore the ground surface to a condition reasonably consistent with its condition before construction, repair or alteration, and any failure to comply with the provisions hereof shall be punishable by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each day of failure to so comply.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 164, new § 75F, added.

Natural gas pipe line companies required to restore certain properties, etc.

*Approved March 27, 1952.*

AN ACT REGULATING THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF PARKING VIOLATIONS INVOLVING VEHICLES REGISTERED UNDER THE LAWS OF ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTRY. Chap.193

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

SECTION 1. Section 20A of chapter 90 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in chapter 201 of the acts of 1938, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — It shall be the duty of any police officer who takes cognizance of a violation of any provision of any rule, regulation, order, ordinance or by-law regulating the parking of motor vehicles established by any city or town or by any commission or body empowered by law to make such rules or regulations therein,

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 20A, etc., amended.

Notice of parking violations.