

be classified under the civil service laws and rules, and the persons employed in such positions on the effective date of this act and who were employed in said positions on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, shall continue to serve in such positions, and the tenure of their office shall be unlimited, subject to the civil service laws and rules.

SECTION 2. The present incumbents of such offices and positions who were not so employed on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine may continue to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Approved May 16, 1952.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAXATION OF CERTAIN UTILITY Chap.344
CORPORATIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 52A of chapter 63 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 641 of the acts of 1951, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence of paragraph (b) of subdivision (1) and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — “Net income” for the taxable year means net income (gross income less allowable deductions other than losses sustained in other fiscal or calendar years) as determined pursuant to the federal revenue act applicable for said taxable year, except that in any such determination dividends from another utility corporation shall be excluded from gross income.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 63, § 52A, etc., amended.

“Net income” defined.

Approved May 16, 1952.

AN ACT REPEALING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATIVE Chap.345
TO SIGHT SAVING CLASSES FOR CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 16 of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby repealed.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 69, § 16, repealed.

Approved May 16, 1952.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARGING OF CERTAIN FEES FOR Chap.346
SERVICES PERFORMED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RENTAL
OR LEASING OF PROPERTY FOR DWELLING PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 271 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 44 the following section: — *Section 45.* No person engaged in the business of finding dwelling accommodations for prospective tenants desirous of renting the same shall charge such prospective tenants any fee solely for the registration of such prospective tenants; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent a broker from being entitled to a commission for actually finding such accommodations, or a renting agent from receiving a registration fee; provided,

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 271, new §45, added.

Charging of fees for renting or leasing certain properties, regulated.

that said agent furnishes the prospective tenant with a written contract in which said agent agrees (1) to solicit the listing of vacant apartments from landlords directly or by advertising for the same in a daily newspaper at least once a day; (2) to mail to said prospective tenant at least twice a week a list of at least twenty apartments which the renting agent believes to be available for rental; and (3) to perform the above mentioned services for a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of the entire amount of said registration fee, unless prior to the expiration of said thirty days the agent provides dwelling accommodations for said prospective tenant. Any renting agent who lists apartments which he believes to be available for occupancy shall designate, by suitable words, any of such apartments which must be shared with some other person or persons, and the number of rooms that such other person or persons will occupy, if such apartment is rented.

Any person entitled to a commission for obtaining dwelling accommodations for another shall in determining the amount of his commission deduct therefrom any money received by him from such other person as a registration fee under the provisions of this section.

Penalty.

Whoever wilfully or intentionally violates any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Approved May 16, 1952.

Chap. 347 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL TOUR OF DUTY OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES COAST GUARD RESERVE AND THE AIR FORCE RESERVE WHO ARE EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 33, § 54, etc., amended.

Tours of duty of state and municipal employees in coast guard reserve without loss of pay.

Chapter 33 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 54, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 425 of the acts of 1939, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 54.* Any person in the service of the commonwealth, or of a county, city or town which, by vote of its county commissioners or city council or of its inhabitants at a town meeting, accepts this section, shall be entitled, during the time of his service in the organized militia, under sections eleven, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, one hundred and five or one hundred and fifty-four, or during his annual tour of duty of not exceeding fifteen days as a member of the organized reserve of the army of the United States, of the United States naval reserve forces, of the United States Coast Guard Reserve, or of the Air Force Reserve, to receive pay therefor, without loss of his ordinary remuneration as an employee or official of the commonwealth, or of such county, city or town, and shall also be entitled to the same leaves of absence or vacation with pay given to other like employees or officials.

Approved May 16, 1952.