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board of registrars certifies that the petition has the requisite number of signatures, call a special election which shall be held within 100 days but no sooner than the earliest date on which the question may appear on the ballot pursuant to section 42C of chapter 54 of the General Laws; provided, however, that if a regular or special town election is to be held within the 100 day period, the selectmen may provide that the question or questions involved be presented to the voters at the same election.

All votes shall be taken by official ballots, and the check list shall be used in the same manner as in the election of town officers. The questions so submitted shall be determined by a majority vote of the registered voters of the town voting thereof, but an action of the representative town meeting shall not be reversed unless 20 per cent of the registered voters of the town shall vote to reverse the vote of the representative town meeting.

The questions so submitted shall be stated on the ballot in substantially the same language and form in which they were stated when presented by the moderator to the representative town meeting as appears from the records of said meeting; provided, however, that if the question as stated by the moderator was lengthy as determined by the board of selectmen in its sole discretion the question may instead be stated in summary form by referring to the action taken by the representative town meeting.

This election shall be held on a Saturday, unless it is to be held in conjunction with another election and the polls shall open not later than 2:00 p.m. and shall be closed not earlier than 8:00 p.m.

If a petition is not filed within 14 days of a final vote of the representative town meeting, it shall then become effective.

Approved August 29, 2007.

Chapter 104. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NATICK TO BORROW A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY.

Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Natick may borrow a sum of money for the purpose of constructing an additional fire engine bay and associated renovations to fire station 4, or for the purpose of replacing fire station 4, and to impose betterments in connection therewith.

Approved August 29, 2007.

Chapter 105. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PLACEMENT OF CERTAIN CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 9 of chapter 28A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006

Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Placement agency" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

"Placement agency", a department, agency or institution of the commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth, one of the principal purposes of which is to provide custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian and under contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under 18 years of age for placement in family foster care or a group care facility. For the purposes of adoption placement, however, a "placement agency" shall be a department, agency or institution of the commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof, or any organization incorporated under chapter 180, one of the principal purposes of which is to provide custodial care and social services to children, which receives by agreement with a parent or guardian and under contract with a state agency or as a result of referral by a court of competent jurisdiction, any child under the age of 18 years of age for placement in adoption.

SECTION 2. Paragraph (a) of section 10 of said chapter 28A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:- The office shall issue and may renew a license to a foster care or group home facility organization incorporated under the laws of the commonwealth and which meets applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a placement agency for the sole purposes of foster care or group home facility placement. The office shall issue and may renew a license to an adoption organization incorporated under chapter 180 and which meets the applicable standards and requirements to establish and maintain a placement agency for the purpose of adoption placement.

Approved August 29, 2007.

Chapter 106. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SICK LEAVE BANK FOR TODD J. MARTINSON, AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL RETARDATION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish forthwith a sick leave bank for a certain employee of the department of mental retardation, 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:

Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the department of mental retardation shall establish a sick leave bank for Todd J. Martinson, an employee of the Monson Development Center in the department of mental retardation. Any