

SECTION 18. In the event that the revenue exceeds the operating costs of the passenger service, the district shall distribute the surplus less normal working capital as determined by the district to the cities and towns which comprise the district upon the same basis as assessments are levied under section seventeen.

SECTION 19. Any person who has in fact lost his employment with the New York Central Railroad on account of the termination of passenger service on the main line of the Boston and Albany Railroad shall have the right, if exercised prior to ninety days from the date of actual operation by the district, to employment if qualified and required with the district or its operating agency subject to negotiations between the labor organizations involved and the district or its operating agency.

SECTION 20. In the event that the revenue of the district is not adequate to cover all direct costs of operation excluding the costs incurred by the district under sections nine and ten and the interest charges incurred under sections sixteen and seventeen, the district, on the written demand of any member filed with the board of members within twenty days after the revenues and said costs have been determined for any calendar year, shall be dissolved, its assets sold to the highest competitive bidder, its leases cancelled and its debts and obligations, if any, shall become the direct responsibility of the cities and towns which comprise the district, except the city of Boston, and the liabilities of the district shall be assumed upon the same basis as assessments are levied under section seventeen.

SECTION 21. At any time within one hundred and twenty days after the close of any calendar year, the district may be dissolved by a majority vote of the members, excluding the member appointed by the mayor of Boston.

SECTION 22. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city of Newton by vote of the board of aldermen of said city in accordance with the provisions of its charter, and by all of the towns in the district by vote of each such town at a regular or special town meeting called for the purpose, but not otherwise. *Approved May 26, 1961.*

Chap. 541. AN ACT INCREASING BENEFITS TO WIDOWS AND CHILDREN OF EMPLOYEES KILLED IN INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 31 of chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as most recently amended by chapter 530 of the acts of 1959, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

To the widow or widower, so long as she or he remains unmarried, thirty-five dollars a week if and so long as there is no child of the employee, who is under the age of eighteen, or over said age and physically or mentally incapacitated from earning; to or for the use of the widow or widower and for the benefit of all children of the employee, forty-one dollars a week if and so long as there is one such child, and six dollars more a week for each such additional child; provided, that in case any such child is a child by a former wife or husband, the death benefit shall be divided between the surviving wife or husband and all living children of the deceased employee in equal shares, the surviving wife or husband

taking the same share as a child. If the widow or widower dies, such amount or amounts as would have been payable to or for her or his own use and for the benefit of all children of the employee shall be paid in equal shares to all the surviving children of the employee. If the widow or widower remarries, all payments under the foregoing provisions shall terminate and the insurer shall pay each week to each of such children of the employee twelve dollars a week. If there is no surviving wife or husband of the deceased employee, such amount or amounts as would have been payable under this section to or for the use of a widow or widower and for the benefit of all such children of the employee, shall be paid in equal shares to all such surviving children of the employee, but no individual shall receive an amount in excess of forty-one dollars a week. The total amount of payments and the period of payments in all cases under this section shall not be more than sixteen thousand dollars nor continue for more than four hundred weeks, except that payment to or for the benefit of children of the deceased employee under the age of eighteen shall not be discontinued prior to the age of eighteen, and except that after a dependent unremarried widow or physically or mentally incapacitated child over the age of eighteen has received the maximum payments, he or she shall continue to receive further payments, but only during such periods as he or she is in fact not fully self-supporting. Either party may request hearings at reasonable intervals before a board member on the question of granting such payments, or on the question of restoration of such payments, or on the question of the discontinuance of such payments. A member of the board may set a case for hearing on his own initiative, after due notice to both parties.

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Chap. 542. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONVEY CERTAIN LAND TO THE CITY OF WOBURN AND THE TOWN OF WINCHESTER FOR RECREATIONAL AND PARK PURPOSES ONLY AND PROVIDING FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF SAID CITY FROM THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION PARKS DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission for and in behalf of the commonwealth is hereby authorized and directed to transfer and convey to the city of Woburn the following parcels of land to be used for recreational and park purposes only:—

Parcel One:— A certain parcel of land situated on Pleasant street and Water street in said city, containing four and sixty-one one hundredths (4.61) acres.

Parcel Two:— A certain parcel of land situated on Water street in said city and bordering Horn pond and containing twelve and two one hundredths (12.02) acres.

Parcel Three:— A certain parcel of land situated on what was formerly Cove street in said city, bounded southerly by the Woburn-Winchester line and containing one and sixty-three one hundredths (1.63) acres.

All of said parcels are shown on "Plans of Land — Woburn, Mass. belonging to Comm. of Mass. Met. Pks. Comm. drawn by George W.