

Chap. 437. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN NEW RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO VOTE FOR ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT AND REVOKING SUCH RIGHT OF CERTAIN CITIZENS WHO HAVE REMOVED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 10 of chapter 453 of the acts of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Except as otherwise provided in section one A, every citizen twenty-one years of age or older, not being a pauper or person under guardianship and not being temporarily or permanently disqualified by law because of corrupt practices in respect to elections, who can read the constitution of the commonwealth in English and write his name, and who has resided in the commonwealth one year and in the city or town where he claims the right to vote six months last preceding a state, city or town election, and who has complied with the requirements of this chapter, may have his name entered on the list of voters in such city or town, and may vote therein in any such election or, except in so far as restricted in any town in which a representative town meeting form of government has been established, in any meeting held for the transaction of town affairs.

SECTION 2. Said first paragraph of said section 1 of said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out the last four sentences, added by section 1 of chapter 582 of the acts of 1961.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out sections 1A to 1D, inclusive, inserted by section 2 of said chapter 582, and inserting in place thereof the following two sections: —

Section 1A. A person who has resided in the commonwealth less than one year, but who will have resided therein and in the city or town where he claims the right to vote not less than thirty-two days last preceding an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen may be qualified for voting only for such electors at such election; provided, he makes application therefor as hereinafter required and otherwise complies with the requirements of this chapter.

Applications to qualify for voting under this section, in substantially the following form, shall be prepared and furnished by the state secretary, in such quantities as he may deem necessary, to the registrars of voters of each city and town in the commonwealth.

I,, do solemnly swear that I now reside at in the city or town of in the commonwealth of Massachusetts; that I have resided in the commonwealth of Massachusetts since and in such city or town since; and that, immediately previous to coming to the commonwealth of Massachusetts to reside, I resided at in the city or town of in the state of, where I was a qualified voter, or where I would have been eligible to qualify as a voter had I remained at such residence.

The date of my birth was The place of my birth
 (The following, when pertinent, is to be entered by the registrars of voters):
 Record of naturalization, court issuing naturalization certificate and date of naturalization

Sworn to and subscribed before me this day of, 19.....

.....
 Registrar of Voters

After receipt thereof and examination of the applicant as required by this chapter, the registrars shall forthwith make and certify on the application a statement of their determination as to whether or not the applicant has the qualifications for voting for electors of president and vice-president prescribed by this section. In case the registrars determine that an applicant is not so qualified, they shall give him written notice thereof and an opportunity to be heard.

Section 1B. To each application made as provided in section one A must be added a certificate, in substantially the following form, executed by a registrar of voters or equivalent official of the state where the applicant last resided previous to coming to the commonwealth of Massachusetts to reside.

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS (OR EQUIVALENT OFFICIAL) OF STATE OF APPLICANT'S FORMER RESIDENCE.

IMPORTANT. This certificate must be returned to the registrars of voters of the city or town where the applicant is claiming the right to vote so that they will receive it not later than the twentieth day preceding the election.

I, the undersigned, registrar of voters (or equivalent official) for the city, town or county of in the state of, do hereby certify that formerly resided at

(applicant's name)
in the city or town of in said state of; that he (she) was a qualified voter of said state of or that he (she) would have been eligible to qualify as a voter of said state had he (she) remained a resident thereof until the date of the presidential election in the year 19..... I further certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, is no longer a resident of the said state of

(applicant's name)
and that he (she) is no longer qualified to vote in such state, and that he (she) will not be permitted to vote for electors of president and vice-president in the said state of at the election to be held on, 19.....

.....
(Signature)
.....
(Title)

County of
State of

I, (name of registrar of voters or equivalent official), do solemnly swear that the statements in the foregoing certificate are true.

.....
(Signature)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of, 19.....

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(Signature of officer administering oath)
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(Title of officer)

The certificate herein required shall be executed and returned to the registrars of voters of the city or town where the applicant is claiming the right to vote so that it will be received by them not later than the twentieth day next preceding the day of the election.

SECTION 4. Section 2 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by chapter 310 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — In the case of such a person who has qualified for voting for electors of president and vice-president under section one A, his or her right to vote in his or her former name shall

continue until the next following election at which such electors are to be chosen.

SECTION 5. Section 3 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 11 of chapter 453 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — This section shall not apply to persons qualified under section one A to vote for electors of president and vice-president.

SECTION 6. Section 12 of said chapter 51 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 10 of chapter 440 of the acts of 1938, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In every place where voters are registered or where applications under section one A are made to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president, and where oaths under sections eight and nine are administered, the registrars shall post in a conspicuous place a copy of sections seven and nine of chapter fifty-six, printed on white paper with black ink, in type not less than one quarter of an inch wide.

SECTION 7. Section 26 of said chapter 51 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 34 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: — The registrars, for the purpose of registering voters and receiving applications to qualify under section one A for voting for electors of president and vice-president, in the manner hereinafter provided, shall hold such day and evening sessions as the town by by-law or the city by ordinance shall prescribe, and such other sessions as they deem necessary; but, except as provided in sections thirty-four and fifty, there shall be no registration of voters between ten o'clock in the evening on the thirty-second day preceding, and the day following, the biennial state primary, the presidential primary and the biennial state election, nor in any city between ten o'clock in the evening on the twentieth day preceding and day following a city election, or a city primary or preliminary election, nor in any town between ten o'clock in the evening on the twentieth day preceding and the day following the annual town meeting notwithstanding any contrary provision in any special law. No application under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president shall be received between ten o'clock in the evening on the thirty-second day preceding, and the day following, an election at which such electors are to be chosen.

SECTION 8. Said section 26 of said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The time and place of registration and for receiving applications under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president shall be the same for male and female applicants.

SECTION 9. Section 29B of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 34 of the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — No application under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president shall be received at such sessions.

SECTION 10. Section 30 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 7 of said chapter 34, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — No application under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president shall be received at such sessions.

SECTION 11. Section 32 of said chapter 51, as amended by section 10 of chapter 254 of the acts of 1933, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — In every year when an election is to be held for the purpose of choosing electors of president and vice-president no applications under section one A to qualify for voting for such electors will be received after ten o'clock in the evening of the last day fixed for receiving such applications.

SECTION 12. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out section 33, as most recently amended by chapter 160 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 33.* Any registrar, at such places as may be appointed, and on the day and during the hours designated for the purpose, may receive applications for registration and applications under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president and examine on oath such applicants and witnesses, but all the doings of one registrar shall be subject to revision and acceptance by the board.

In cities, and in towns having six hundred or more registered voters, any person shall be registered, as aforesaid, or may apply for qualification for voting under section one A, during regular business hours except during such times as such registration or application is not permitted by law to be made.

SECTION 13. Section 34 of said chapter 51, as amended by section 11 of chapter 254 of the acts of 1933, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — The provisions of this section, so far as pertinent, shall apply to applications under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president.

SECTION 14. The second paragraph of section 36 of said chapter 51, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 67 of the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — This section shall not apply to persons who qualify under section one A to vote for electors of president and vice-president.

SECTION 15. Section 37 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 25 of chapter 453 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — This section shall not apply to persons who qualify under section one A for voting for electors of president and vice-president.

SECTION 16. Section 38 of said chapter 51, as amended by section 26 of said chapter 453, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — They shall revise and correct the general register, the current annual register and the list of persons qualified to vote for electors of president and vice-president prepared as required by section fifty-eight A in accordance with any facts they may have presented to them.

SECTION 17. Section 40 of said chapter 51, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence: — They shall likewise distinctly announce the name of every person making application under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president.

SECTION 18. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out section 42, as amended by section 4 of chapter 715 of the acts of 1945, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 42.* Except as provided by section forty-two A, every person whose name has not been entered in the annual register in accordance with sections

thirty-four, thirty-five or thirty-seven, or a corresponding provision of law applicable to a city or town having a listing board, must, in order to be registered, or to qualify under section one A for voting for electors of president and vice-president, as the case may be, apply in person to the registrars and prove that he is qualified.

SECTION 19. Section 42B of said chapter 51, inserted by chapter 332 of the acts of 1959, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — No application under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president shall be received at any registration session held as provided in this section.

SECTION 20. Section 44 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 715 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The registrars, or absent registration officers, as the case may be, shall examine on oath each applicant for registration and each applicant under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president relative to his qualifications for voting and shall, unless such applicant is prevented by physical disability, require him to write his name in the general register or on the application form prescribed by said section one A, as the case may be, and to read in such a manner as to show that he is neither prompted nor reciting from memory.

SECTION 21. Section 45 of said chapter 51, as most recently amended by section 7 of said chapter 715, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — If an applicant for registration or an applicant under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president claims to be a naturalized citizen or to derive citizenship through the naturalization or citizenship of another, the registrars, or absent registration officers, as the case may be, shall require him to produce for inspection the papers of naturalization, certificate of citizenship made under federal authority or any other papers on which he relies and shall, if satisfied that the applicant is a citizen, make upon such papers a memorandum of their inspection and a record thereof in the general register or on his application to so qualify, as the case may be.

SECTION 22. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out section 46, as amended by section 8 of said chapter 715, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 46.* If upon examination the registrars, or absent registration officers, as the case may be, are satisfied that an applicant for registration or an applicant under section one A to qualify for voting for electors of president and vice-president has all the qualifications for voting except that of age, and that such applicant will on or before the day of the next election or town meeting attain full age, they shall enter his name in the general and current annual registers of voters, or on the list of persons so qualified to be prepared as provided by section fifty-eight A.

SECTION 23. Section 48 of said chapter 51, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Upon complaint signed and sworn to by a registered voter and filed with the registrars at least fourteen days in a city, or at least four days in a town, before a primary, election or town meeting, stating that the complainant has reason to believe and does believe that a certain person by him therein

named has been illegally or incorrectly registered, or certified under section one A to be qualified to vote for electors of president and vice-president, as the case may be, and giving the reasons for such belief, the registrars shall examine into such complaint and, if satisfied that there is sufficient ground therefor, they shall summon the person complained of to appear before them at a certain place and time before the next primary or election or town meeting to answer to the matters set forth in the complaint, and the substance of the complaint and a copy of this section and of section forty-nine shall be set forth in the summons.

SECTION 24. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out section 49, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 49.* If a person summoned before the registrars to answer such complaint appears before them, they shall examine him on oath, and shall receive such other evidence which may be offered in regard to the matters set forth in the complaint and, if satisfied that he is properly registered as a qualified voter, or that he has the qualifications under section one A for voting for electors of president and vice-president, as the case may be, they shall enter in the register, or on the application under said section one A, as the case may be, a statement of their determination of the facts required for registration or to so qualify. If the registrars are satisfied that he is not a qualified voter, or that he does not have the qualifications for voting for electors of president and vice-president, as the case may be, they shall strike his name from the register, or from the list of persons qualified to vote for such electors prepared as provided by section fifty-eight A, as the case may be. If they are satisfied that, although he is a qualified voter in the city or town, he is illegally or incorrectly registered in a ward or voting precinct other than the ward or voting precinct in which he is required by section three to be registered, and have determined the ward or voting precinct in which he is so required to be registered, and his place of residence therein, they shall change his place of residence as given on the register accordingly. If a person duly summoned as aforesaid does not appear as directed in the summons and the complainant produces sufficient testimony to make out a prima facie case, the name of such person shall be struck from the register, or from such list, as the case may be; but if such person appears before the registrars before the election or town meeting following and shows sufficient cause for his failure earlier to appear, the hearing shall be reopened and the matter decided on its merits, as determined from the evidence presented on both sides. The complainant and the person complained of may be represented by counsel, and all witnesses may be cross-examined.

SECTION 25. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 58 the following section: —

Section 58A. The registrars shall forthwith, following the twentieth day preceding an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen, prepare lists containing the names of all persons certified by them, as provided in section one A, to be qualified for voting for electors of president and vice-president, and for whom certificates have been received as required by section one B. The names of the persons so certified shall be arranged on such lists in alphabetical order and to the name of each such person shall be added the street and number, if any, of his present residence. The registrars shall cause copies of such lists to be posted in their principal office.

SECTION 26. Said chapter 51 is hereby further amended by striking out section 59, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 59.* On the day of a primary, caucus or election the registrars shall give to a voter whose name has been omitted from a voting list prepared as required by section fifty-five or by section fifty-eight A, as the case may be, or in whose name or residence, as placed on such list, a clerical error has been made, a certificate of his name and residence, as stated on the annual register, or on his application under section one A, as the case may be, signed by a majority of the registrars. On presentation thereof to the presiding officer of the ward, voting precinct, polling place or town in which the person was registered, or is authorized to vote, he shall be allowed to vote, and his name shall be checked on the certificate, which shall be attached to and considered a part of the voting list and returned and preserved therewith.

SECTION 27. Section 60 of said chapter 51, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Before every election and meeting in a city or town at which voting lists may be required to be used, the registrars shall prepare such lists for each ward, voting precinct, polling place or town in which such election or meeting is being held, containing the names and residences of all persons qualified to vote therein, as the same appear upon the annual register or upon the lists prepared as provided by section fifty-eight A, as the case may be, and shall seasonably transmit the same to the election officers in every such ward, voting precinct, polling place or town.

SECTION 28. Section 61 of said chapter 51, as amended by section 1 of chapter 21 of the acts of 1937, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: —

The registrars shall forthwith, following the twentieth day before an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen, certify to the state secretary the number of persons determined by them, as provided by section one A of chapter fifty-one, to be qualified to vote in the city or town for such electors at such election.

SECTION 29. Section 11 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 432 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by inserting after the first sentence the following two sentences: — In any year in which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen he shall also so appoint one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, and such number of inspectors and deputy inspectors as he deems necessary, to serve as election officers at the polling place, designated as required by section twenty-four, where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for such electors shall cast their ballots. The persons so appointed shall be enrolled voters of the city.

SECTION 30. The first paragraph of section 12 of said chapter 54, as appearing in chapter 266 of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: — Except in towns not divided into voting precincts, the selectmen shall also appoint, in any year in which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen, one warden, one deputy warden, one clerk, one deputy clerk, and such number of inspectors and deputy inspectors as they deem necessary, to serve at the polling place, designated as required by section

twenty-four, where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for electors of president and vice-president shall cast their ballots, and the persons so appointed shall be enrolled voters of the town.

SECTION 31. Section 13 of said chapter 54, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 411 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Except as otherwise provided in sections eleven and twelve, every election officer shall hold office for one year, beginning with September first succeeding his appointment, and until his successor is qualified, or until his removal; provided, that election officers appointed to count and tabulate votes shall serve at such primaries or elections and at such times as shall be designated by the appointing authority.

SECTION 32. Section 16 of said chapter 54, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the warden or presiding officer, the clerk or an inspector, or the deputy of any such officer, if any, appointed to serve at the polling place, designated as required by section twenty-four, where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for electors of president and vice-president shall cast their ballots is absent at the opening of the polls or subsequently on the day of the election, the city or town clerk may appoint a person to fill the vacancy who shall be an enrolled voter of the city or town and of the same political party as the absent officer.

SECTION 33. The first paragraph of section 23 of said chapter 54, as appearing in section 8 of chapter 411 of the acts of 1943, is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence the following sentence: — Upon like petition of ten qualified voters of a city or town, presented at least twenty-one days before an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen, the governor may so appoint for the polling place, designated as required by section twenty-four, where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for such electors shall cast their ballots, two voters of the city or town, who shall not be signers of the petition or members of any political committee or candidates for any office, to act as supervisors at such polling place at such election.

SECTION 34. Section 24 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following sentence: — At least twenty days before an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen they shall designate as the polling place where persons qualified under section one A chapter fifty-one to vote for such electors shall cast their ballots the office of the city or town clerk or election commission, or some room or rooms situated as near thereto as practicable, and shall cause such office, room or rooms to be suitably fitted up and prepared therefor.

SECTION 35. Said chapter 54 is hereby further amended by striking out section 30, as amended by section 1 of chapter 310 of the acts of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 30.* The city or town clerk shall furnish to the clerk of each voting place or precinct a seal of suitable device with a designation thereon of such voting place or precinct; and such seal shall be used in sealing all envelopes

or other containers required by law to be used at elections. The clerk of the voting place or precinct shall retain custody of the seal, and shall, at the end of his term of office, deliver it, with the records of the voting place or precinct and other official documents in his custody to the city or town clerk.

SECTION 36. Section 34 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by inserting after the first sentence, as appearing in chapter 84 of the acts of 1945, the following sentence: — Voting machines may also be used at any polling place, designated as required by section twenty-four, where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for electors of president and vice-president shall cast their ballots provided the aldermen or selectmen give notice thereof to the state secretary not less than sixty days before the day of the election at which such electors are to be chosen.

SECTION 37. Section 41 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Ballots for the use of voters in a voting precinct, polling place or town shall contain the names of all candidates duly nominated for election therein, and, except as provided in section forty-three, they shall contain the name of no other person.

SECTION 38. The last paragraph of section 42 of said chapter 54, as amended by section 12 of chapter 411 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — On the back and outside of each ballot when folded shall be printed the words "Official Ballot for", followed by the name of the city or town for which the ballot is prepared, together with the ward and precinct of the city or the precinct of the town, if any, the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of the officer who has caused the ballot to be prepared; provided that, in the case of ballots for the use of persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one to vote for electors of president and vice-president, there shall be so printed the words "Official Presidential Elector Ballot for", followed by the name of the city or town, the date of the election, and a facsimile of the signature of the state secretary.

SECTION 39. Section 49 of said chapter 54, as amended by section 14 of said chapter 411, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — Lists provided under this section for polling places where persons qualified under section one A of chapter fifty-one shall cast their ballots shall not be required to be so posted.

SECTION 40. Section 53 of said chapter 54, as amended by chapter 64 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The election commissioners in Boston at least twenty-four days, and the registrars of voters in every other city or town at least ninety days, before the biennial state election, shall cause to be sent to the state secretary mailing lists of the voters whose names appear on the latest voting lists of their respective cities and towns, prepared as required by section fifty-five of chapter fifty-one, and shall promptly furnish him with subsequent additions to and corrections in such lists.

SECTION 41. Section 66 of said chapter 54, as amended by chapter 147 of the acts of 1961, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: —

The clerk of the precinct, polling place or town shall make a record of the condition of the ballot box register and, if a key is used, it shall be retained by the police officer or constable at the polling place.

SECTION 42. Section 85 of said chapter 54, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: —

If the right of a person offering to vote at a polling place where persons qualified to vote only for electors of president and vice-president shall cast their ballots is so challenged, the presiding officer shall administer to him the following oath:

You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you are the identical person whom you represent yourself to be, that you are a bona fide legal resident of this city (or town), that you have been determined by the registrars of voters of this city (or town) to be qualified to vote therein for electors of president and vice-president, and that you have not voted for such electors at this election in any other city or town in the commonwealth of Massachusetts, or in any other state of the United States, either in person or by absent voting ballot.

SECTION 43. The first paragraph of section 105 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out the second and third sentences, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 155 of the acts of 1959, and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: — The election officers shall then, publicly and in the presence of the other election officers, audibly and distinctly count and announce the number of names checked on each voting list used at the election, including a separate count of the number of names checked on the list of persons qualified to vote only for electors of president and vice-president, if any, shall publicly announce the number so counted and thereafter the clerk shall record the same. The ballot box shall then be opened by the presiding officer and the ballots taken therefrom and audibly counted in public view, one by one, including a separate count of the ballots cast by persons qualified to vote only for electors of president and vice-president, if any, and the whole number of ballots cast shall be publicly announced by him.

SECTION 44. Said section 105 of said chapter 54 is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph, as amended by chapter 95 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The clerk in open meeting shall publicly announce the result of the vote and enter on the total vote sheet, which shall be considered the precinct record, the total number of names checked on the voting lists, including a separate record of the number of names checked on the list of persons qualified to vote only for electors of president and vice-president, if any, the total number of ballots cast, including a separate record of the total number of ballots cast by persons qualified to vote only for electors of president and vice-president, if any, the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes for each person and the title of the office for which he was a candidate, the number of blank ballots for each office, and the number of affirmative and negative votes in answer to any question submitted to the voters, and shall forthwith certify such record, seal up the same, and deliver it, outside of the ballot container or envelope but in a separate sealed envelope, to the city or town clerk, who shall forthwith enter it in his records; provided, that,

if voting machines are used, the general or precinct record sheet, as the case may be, shall be the record referred to in this paragraph.

SECTION 45. Section 107 of said chapter 54, as most recently amended by chapter 93 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — A majority of the election officers of the voting precinct, polling place or town shall endorse upon such envelope or container the polling place, the election and the date, and also a certificate that all the ballots cast by the voters of such precinct, polling place or town, and none other, are contained therein.

SECTION 46. Section 132 of said chapter 54, as amended by chapter 33 of the acts of 1932, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — The city or town clerk shall within fifteen days after an election at which electors of president and vice-president are to be chosen likewise certify to the state secretary the total number of names checked on the list of persons qualified to vote only for such electors at such election in each voting precinct or town, and a duplicate copy thereof, sealed, to be by him transmitted to the governor and council.

Approved May 11, 1962.

Chap. 438. AN ACT PERMITTING HUNTING ON LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 37 of chapter 136 of the General Laws, inserted by section 3 of chapter 812 of the acts of 1960, is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: — Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, sporting events of any type, including those authorized under chapter one hundred and twenty-eight A, may be conducted on any legal holiday and any business licensed under chapter one hundred and thirty-eight may be conducted in accordance with the provisions of said chapter on any such day. Hunting, if otherwise lawful, shall not be prohibited on any legal holiday. Florist shops may be kept open all day on May thirtieth.

Approved May 11, 1962.

Chap. 439. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION OF THE RESIDENCES OF OFFICIALS OF CERTAIN RELIGIOUS BODIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause Eleventh, as most recently amended by chapter 341 of the acts of 1954, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Eleventh, Houses of religious worship owned by, or held in trust for the use of, any religious organization, and the pews and furniture, and, to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars for each parsonage, parsonages so owned or held, and including the official residence occupied by district superintendents of the Methodist Church and The Christian and Missionary Alliance; but such exemption shall not, except as herein provided, extend to any portion of any such house of religious worship appropriated for purposes other than religious worship or instruction.

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