

less, to a point on the town line between Bedford and Billerica; thence turning and running southeasterly three hundred (300) feet, more or less, along said town line to the point of beginning. Containing 1.64 acres.

Parcel B. Beginning at aforesaid granite monument in said town line between Bedford and Billerica and running northeasterly one hundred and ninety-five (195) feet to a point; thence turning and running southwesterly one hundred and sixty-five (165) feet to a point; thence turning and running again southwesterly fifty-five (55) feet to a point on the said town line between Bedford and Billerica; thence turning and running northerly along said town line, three hundred and twenty-eight feet (328) to the point of beginning. Containing 0.52 acres.

Approved July 16, 1962.

Chap. 665. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF CONSTABLES AT THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION OF THE TOWN OF CLARKSBURG IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The constables elected in the town of Clarksburg at the annual town election in the current year shall be deemed to have been elected for terms of three years as provided by law and in accordance with the provisions of the warrant for said election, notwithstanding the wording on the ballots used at said election that such constables were to be elected for terms of one year.

Approved July 16, 1962.

Chap. 666. AN ACT EXEMPTING FROM TAXATION CERTAIN DISABLED VETERANS, THEIR WIVES, WIDOWS, MOTHERS AND FATHERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause Twenty-second, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 811 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Twenty-second, Real estate of the following classes of persons who are legal residents of the commonwealth and who served in the armed forces of the United States between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen or who were awarded the World War I Victory Medal, between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, or between June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty and January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions; and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who have resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, hereinafter referred to in this clause as

soldiers and sailors, provided such real estate is occupied in whole or in part as his domicile by such person and provided, further, that if the spouse of the soldier or sailor is also a soldier or sailor each shall receive the amount of exemption provided in this clause to the same extent as if unmarried, to the amount of two thousand dollars. No real estate shall be so exempt which the assessors shall adjudge has been conveyed to a soldier or sailor or to his wife, widow, father or mother to evade taxation.

(a) Soldiers and sailors who, as a result of disabilities contracted while in such war time service and in the line of duty, have a disability rating of ten per cent or more as determined by the Veterans Administration or by any branch of the armed forces.

(b) Soldiers and sailors who served in the military or naval service of the United States in the Spanish War, in the Philippine Insurrection or in the Chinese Relief Expedition and were discharged or released in any manner other than dishonorably therefrom.

(c) Soldiers and sailors who have been awarded the decoration of the Purple Heart. No evidence of disability shall be required under this paragraph. After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this paragraph, no further evidence of the receiving of the Purple Heart shall be required in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been so allowed.

(d) Wives of soldiers or sailors entitled to exemption under this clause and the widows of soldiers or sailors described in this clause and in clauses twenty-second A, twenty-second B and twenty-second C who at the time of their death were entitled to exemption or who lost their lives while serving in said war or in said Insurrection or said Relief Expedition, so long as they remain unmarried.

(e) Fathers and mothers of soldiers or sailors who lost their lives in such war time service; provided that only two thousand dollars of the real estate of any such father or mother held jointly by them shall be exempted; provided, further, that the words "father and mother", as appearing in this subsection, shall be construed to include natural fathers and mothers and father and mother by adoption and persons who stood in loco parentis to such soldiers and sailors.

(f) Widows of soldiers or sailors who served in the armed forces of the United States between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen, or who were awarded the World War I Victory Medal; provided such widows have remained unmarried and have resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to the date of filing for exemption under this section; and provided, further, that the whole estate real and personal of such widow does not exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, exclusive of the value of the mortgage interest held by persons other than such widow in such mortgaged real estate as may be included in such whole estate.

SECTION 2. Said section 5 of said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by striking out clause Twenty-second A, as most recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 811, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Twenty-second A, Real estate of the following soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the commonwealth and

who served in the armed forces of the United States between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen or who were awarded the World War I Victory Medal, between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, or between June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty and January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions; and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, who according to the records of the Veterans Administration or of the armed forces of the United States by reason of injury received or disease contracted while in such war time service and in the line of duty, lost or have suffered permanent loss of use of one foot at or above the ankle or lost or have suffered permanent loss of use of one hand at or above the wrist, who according to the records of the Veterans Administration by reason of injury received or disease contracted while in such service, or is receiving a statutory award from the Veterans Administration for such loss or loss of sight of one eye, or who have been awarded the congressional medal of honor, the distinguished service cross, the navy cross or the flying cross, to the amount of four thousand dollars in the case of each person; provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person; and provided, further, that if said property be greater than a single family house, then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile shall be exempted.

After the assessors have allowed an exemption under this clause, no further evidence of the existence of the facts required by this clause shall be required in any subsequent year in the city or town in which the exemption has been so allowed.

Two thousand dollars of this exemption shall be borne by the city or town, the balance, up to two thousand dollars, shall be borne by the commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

SECTION 3. Said section 5 of said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by striking out clause Twenty-second B, inserted by section 1 of chapter 233 of the acts of 1959, and inserting in place thereof the following clause: —

Twenty-second B, Real estate of the following soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the commonwealth and who served in the armed forces of the United States between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen or who were awarded the World War I Victory Medal, between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, or between June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty and January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than

dishonorable conditions; and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, who according to the records of the Veterans Administration or of the armed forces by reason of such war time service in the armed forces of the United States have suffered in the line of duty the loss or permanent loss of use of both feet at or above the ankle, or loss or permanent loss of use of both hands at or above the wrist, or the loss or permanent loss of use of one foot at or above the ankle and one hand at or above the wrist or the loss of sight of both eyes as prescribed and certified by the Veterans Administration, to the amount of eight thousand dollars; provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person; and provided, further, that if said property be greater than a single family house, then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile shall be exempted.

Two thousand dollars of this exemption shall be borne by the city or town, the balance, up to six thousand dollars, shall be borne by the commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

SECTION 4. Said section 5 of said chapter 59 is hereby further amended by inserting after clause Twenty-second B the following clause: —

Twenty-second C, Real estate of soldiers and sailors and their spouses who are legal residents of the commonwealth and who served in the armed forces of the United States between February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, between April sixth, nineteen hundred and seventeen and November eleventh, nineteen hundred and eighteen or who were awarded the World War I Victory Medal, between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-six, or between June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty and January thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-five and whose last discharge or release from the armed forces was under other than dishonorable conditions; and who were domiciled in Massachusetts for at least six months prior to entering such service, or who have resided in the commonwealth for five consecutive years next prior to date of filing for exemption under this clause, and who according to the records of the Veterans Administration by reason of such war time service in the armed forces of the United States have suffered in the line of duty permanent and total disability, and who by reason of such disability have received assistance in acquiring "specially adapted housing" under laws administered by the Veterans Administration, to the amount of ten thousand dollars; provided, that such real estate is occupied as his domicile by such person; and provided, further, that if said property be greater than a single family house then only that value of so much of said house as is occupied by said person as his domicile shall be exempted.

Two thousand dollars of this exemption shall be borne by the city or town, the balance, up to eight thousand dollars, shall be borne by the commonwealth, and the state treasurer shall annually reimburse the

city or town for the amount of the tax which otherwise would have been collected on account of this balance.

SECTION 5. This act shall be applicable to taxes levied for the year nineteen hundred and sixty-two and subsequent years.

Approved July 16, 1962.

Chap. 667. AN ACT CHANGING THE NAME OF THE WEST AND SOUTH WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON TO THE WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT OF ACTON AND EXTENDING THE BOUNDARIES OF SAID DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 326 of the acts of 1912 is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 1.* The inhabitants of the town of Acton, liable to taxation in that town and residing therein, shall constitute a water supply district, and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Water Supply District of Acton, for the purpose of supplying themselves with water for the extinguishment of fires and for domestic and other purposes, with power to establish fountains and hydrants, and to relocate and discontinue the same, to regulate the use of such water and to fix and collect rates to be paid therefor, and to take, or acquire by lease, purchase or otherwise, and to hold property, lands, rights of way and other easements for the purposes mentioned in this act, and to prosecute and defend all actions relating to the property and affairs of the district.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of said chapter 326 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 11, the words “West and South”.

SECTION 3. Section 5 of said chapter 326 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 6, the words “West and South”.

SECTION 4. Section 9 of said chapter 326 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “West and South”, and by striking out, in line 2, the words “as aforesaid”.

SECTION 5. Section thirteen of said chapter three hundred and twenty-six is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. Chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. All the powers, duties and obligations vested in the West and South Water Supply District of Acton shall, on the effective date of this act, vest in the Water Supply District of Acton and when used in any statute, rule, regulation or instrument acknowledging indebtedness or other obligation the phrase West and South Water Supply District of Acton shall mean the Water Supply District of Acton.

SECTION 8. Upon the acceptance of this act, all persons now in the service of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton shall continue to serve in the same capacity without loss of any rights, including, but not limited to, seniority, civil service, retirement, and group insurance rights.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance within two years from the date of its passage by a majority vote of the voters of the West and South Water Supply District of Acton present and voting thereon at a district meeting called for such purpose.

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