

the following sentence: — The school committee shall at no time increase the salary of any person in the service of the school department or of any vacant office or position therein unless such increase is to be operative for at least four months in the financial year in which it is granted and a general appropriation for salary increases is available for the payment of such increase in such year.

SECTION 5. Chapter three hundred and forty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-seven is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act, except sections one, two and three, shall take effect upon its passage. Sections one, two and three shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

*Approved November 4, 1963.*

**Chap. 787.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 212 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 28, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 28.* There may annually be expended out of the treasury of the commonwealth, under the direction of the chief justice, such sums as may be appropriated for printing, for transportation of papers and documents, for clerical work, for inspection of the records and doings of persons authorized to admit to bail, for an administrative assistant to said chief justice, for an executive clerk to said chief justice, who may be an assistant clerk, and for certain other expenses incident to the work of the court. Said chief justice may appoint and remove the administrative assistant and the executive clerk and define their duties.

*Approved November 5, 1963.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, November 5, 1963.

The Honorable KEVIN H. WHITE, *Secretary of the Commonwealth, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: — I, Endicott Peabody, pursuant to the provisions of Article XLVIII of the Amendments to the Constitution, the Referendum II, Emergency Measures, hereby declare in my opinion the immediate preservation of the public convenience requires that the law being Chapter 787 of the Acts of 1963 entitled "An Act Providing for an Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice of the Superior Court." and the enactment of which received my approval on November 5, 1963, should take effect forthwith.

I further declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

Postponement of the operation of this act for ninety days would defeat its purpose, which is to relieve immediately the Chief Justice of the Superior Court of much of the administrative detail work of his office.

Sincerely,

ENDICOTT PEABODY,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, November 5, 1963.

I, Kevin H. White, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at three o'clock and thirty-five minutes, P.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter seven hundred and eighty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

KEVIN H. WHITE,  
*Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

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**Chap. 788.** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE HOLMES PARK WATER DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WESTMINSTER.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Westminster, liable to taxation in said town and residing within the territory comprised within the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at the most north-westerly corner of the area to be included in said District said point being on the southerly side of State Highway Route #2 at the boundary line between the City of Gardner and the Town of Westminster; thence Easterly North  $81^{\circ} - 50'$  East along said Highway to a point at the Easterly side of Ridge Street East and the Southerly side of said Highway; thence South  $46^{\circ} - 28'$  East 1570.55 feet to a drill hole; thence South  $36^{\circ} - 56'$  West 686.75 feet to a drill hole; thence South  $52^{\circ} - 20'$  East 525.34 feet to a drill hole; thence South  $34^{\circ} - 12'$  West 1114.02 feet to a point; thence North  $47^{\circ} - 40'$  West 1200.20 feet to a point, said point being on the boundary line between the City of Gardner and the Town of Westminster; thence along the line of said boundary line North  $47^{\circ} - 45'$  West 1185.23 feet to a drill hole; thence North  $7^{\circ} - 52'$  East to a point where said course crosses the said boundary line between the City of Gardner and Westminster; thence along said boundary line to the place of beginning, containing 95 acres more or less, shall constitute a water district, and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of the Holmes Park Water District, hereinafter called the district, 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 for the purposes of assessing and raising taxes as provided herein for the payment of such services, and for defraying the necessary expenses of carrying on the business of the district, subject to all general laws now or hereafter in force relating to such districts, except as otherwise provided herein. The district shall have power to prosecute and defend all actions relating to its property and affairs.

SECTION 2. For the purposes aforesaid, the district, acting by and through its board of water commissioners hereinafter provided for, may contract with any municipality, acting through its water department, or with any water company, or with any water district, for whatever water may be required, authority to furnish the same being hereby granted, and may take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A of the General Laws, or acquire by lease, purchase or other-