

ters relating to such objections, said commission shall have the powers and perform the duties prescribed by law for the state ballot law commission in matters under its jurisdiction; and the decision of said commission shall in like manner be final except that it shall be subject to judicial review under section fourteen of chapter thirty A of the General Laws. Certification pursuant to paragraph (f) shall not preclude a voter from filing objections to the validity of such petition.

(h) If such petition is either deemed or found to be valid under paragraph (g), the election commission shall transmit to the state secretary not later than five o'clock in the afternoon of September seventeenth in the current year a certificate of the filing of a petition in conformity with this section, of the certification of signatures of petitioners thereon to the number required by paragraph (d) and of the deeming or finding of such petition to be valid under paragraph (g).

SECTION 4. Chapter eight hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Section three of this act shall take effect upon its passage. If a question is printed on the ballot as provided in said section three, and if a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question is in the affirmative, (a) sections one and four shall thereupon take effect if chapter eight hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three had not been accepted prior to the vote on said question, but not otherwise, (b) section two shall thereupon take effect if chapter eight hundred and fourteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-three had been accepted prior to the vote on said question, but not otherwise.

The compensation of no officer or member of the police department of the city of Boston shall be reduced by reason of the taking effect of section one or section two.

*Approved March 26, 1964.*

**Chap. 231.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE SECRETARY TO VALIDATE THE ACTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS AS NOTARIES PUBLIC AND ESTABLISHING THE FEES THEREFOR.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following section: —

*Section 15A.* If a notary public, whose name has been changed by marriage or decree of court and who has failed to re-register as required by law, or a notary public or justice of the peace whose commission has expired, continues to act as such after such change of name or expiration the state secretary, upon the application of such person and the payment of a fee of five dollars, may issue a certificate validating all such acts done after such change of name or expiration.

SECTION 2. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 13, as amended by chapter 409 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 13.* Before the delivery of a commission to a person appointed commissioner under section three or four of chapter two hundred and twenty-two, a notary public, master in chancery or justice of the peace, he shall pay to the state secretary a fee of seven dollars. A person whose acts as

a notary public or justice of the peace have been validated by the general court or the state secretary shall pay a fee of twenty-five dollars before the delivery of the first commission for either of said offices to be delivered after such validation. Upon the change of name of any woman who has been appointed and qualified as a notary public, she shall re-register under her new name and shall pay to the state secretary a fee of one dollar.

*Approved March 26, 1964.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, April 2, 1964.

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 231 of the Acts of 1964 entitled "An Act Authorizing the State Secretary to Validate the Acts of Certain Persons as Notaries Public and Establishing the Fees Therefor." and the enactment of which received my approval on March 26, 1964, 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. The Legislature and the Secretary of State's office have many requests to validate certain acts of notaries public. This bill will immediately eliminate the need for burdensome special legislation and will allow the Secretary of State to issue forthwith a certificate validating such acts. The convenience of the public would be served by having this act become effective at once.

Sincerely,

ENDICOTT PEABODY,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, April 2, 1964.

I, Edward T. Sullivan, Deputy Secretary, Acting 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 five o'clock and fifteen 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 two hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-four.

EDWARD T. SULLIVAN,  
*Deputy Secretary,  
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth.*

**Chap. 232.** AN ACT TO PERMIT SAVINGS BANKS TO INVEST IN THE STOCK OF BANK HOLDING COMPANIES.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 168 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the caption preceding section 47, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 432 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following caption: — *Bank and Bank Holding Company Stocks.*

SECTION 2. Said section 47 of said chapter 168, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Such corporation may invest in the common stock of the following banking corporations and bank holding companies subject to the conditions, limitations and requirements of this section.

SECTION 3. Said section 47 of said chapter 168 is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: —

4. *Bank Holding Company Stocks.* — In the common stock of a bank holding company, as defined in chapter one hundred and sixty-seven A, provided such stock is received pursuant to an offer made by such bank holding company to exchange shares of its common stock for shares of a trust company incorporated under the laws of this commonwealth or for shares of a national banking association doing business in this commonwealth, or provided that such stock is received pursuant to a plan for the merger or consolidation of such a trust company or of such a national banking association with or into, or the transfer, sale or exchange of property or of assets of such a trust company or of such a national banking association to or with, a trust company incorporated under the laws of this commonwealth or a national banking association doing business in this commonwealth the stock of which trust company or national banking association, as the case may be, is at the time owned by such bank holding company.

*Approved March 26, 1964.*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,  
BOSTON, April 2, 1964.

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 232 of the Acts of 1964 entitled "An Act to Permit Savings Banks to Invest in the Stock of Bank Holding Companies." and the enactment of which received my approval on March 26, 1964, 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:

The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part would effectuate proposed mergers of certain banks. This legislation would insure further stability and further serve the convenience and banking needs of the general public. Therefore, this act should become effective at once.

Sincerely,

ENDICOTT PEABODY,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*