

Chap. 709. AN ACT AUTHORIZING JAMES A. MCCARTHY TO CONTINUE TO SERVE AS ASSISTANT TO SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE SECRETARY AFTER REACHING AGE SEVENTY.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow James A. McCarthy to continue to serve as assistant to supervisor of elections, in the division of elections in the department of the state secretary after reaching age seventy on August eleventh, nineteen hundred and sixty-five, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, James A. McCarthy may continue to serve as assistant to supervisor of elections, in the division of elections in the department of the state secretary after reaching age seventy, subject, however, to the will of the state secretary.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of August thirty-first, nineteen hundred and sixty-five. *Approved September 27, 1965.*

Chap. 710. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE BOARD OF RATE SETTING ESTABLISH THE RATES TO BE CHARGED BY COUNTIES IN CONVALESCENT OR NURSING HOMES, OR REST HOMES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 82 of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the third and fourth sentences and inserting in place thereof the following three sentences: — Where a county has maintained a tuberculosis hospital or sanatorium and such institution is not to be included in the contractual arrangements for care of tuberculous patients under section seventy-eight, or where, after the passage of time, contractual arrangements under section seventy-eight are not continued, the commissioners or trustees may after being licensed under section seventy-one convert such hospital into a chronic disease hospital, or a convalescent or nursing home, or a rest home, or the institution may be discontinued and the property liquidated in accordance with law. The county commissioners or trustees may with the approval of the department adopt such rules and regulations concerning the operation of their institutions as chronic disease hospitals, convalescent or nursing homes, or rest homes as they deem necessary. The county commissioners or trustees shall determine the admission policy of such institutions and the rate or rates to be charged, provided that such a convalescent or nursing home, or rest home, shall, with respect to the rate or rates to be charged publicly aided patients, be subject to the provisions of section thirty L of chapter seven, except that the right of appeal to the board of rate setting for a determination of a rate for such convalescent or nursing home, or rest home, may be exercised at any time.

SECTION 2. In the case of any county institution authorized to be converted into a convalescent or nursing home or a rest home under section eighty-two of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General