

Chap. 571. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE FUNDING OF A CERTAIN REVENUE DEFICIT BY THE CITY OF CHELSEA.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first sentence of section 1 of chapter 434 of the acts of 1967 is hereby amended by striking out the word "sixty-seven", the first time it appears, and inserting in place thereof the word:— sixty-six.

SECTION 2. All proceedings heretofore taken by the city of Chelsea, under the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, as amended by section one of this act, shall be as valid and effective as though this act had been in effect before such proceedings were taken.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 24, 1967.

Chap. 572. AN ACT INCREASING THE COMMONWEALTH'S GUARANTEE AND ANNUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HOUSING OF ELDERLY PERSONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 121 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 26VV, as most recently amended by chapter 732 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 26VV. The commonwealth, acting by and through the department of commerce and development, may enter into a contract or contracts with a housing authority for state financial assistance in the form of a guarantee by the commonwealth of bonds and notes, or either bonds or notes, of the housing authority issued to finance the cost of a project or projects or a part or parts of a project or projects to provide housing for elderly persons of low income. The amount of bonds and notes, or bonds or notes, guaranteed by the commonwealth under this section shall not exceed one hundred and eighty-five million dollars. Each contract for state financial assistance shall provide that the commonwealth will pay to the housing authority annual contributions; provided, however, that the total amount of annual contributions contracted for by the commonwealth for any one year shall not exceed four million six hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. Each such annual contribution by the commonwealth shall be paid by the commonwealth upon approval and certification by the department of commerce and development to the state comptroller. The provisions of sections twenty-six NN and twenty-six OO shall, so far as apt, be applicable to contracts for state financial assistance under this section.

In addition to said annual contribution, the commonwealth shall upon approval and certification by the department of commerce and development to the state comptroller pay an additional annual contribution of one and one half per cent of the completion cost during any fiscal year over and above the annual contribution of two and one half per cent of the completion cost permitted under the first paragraph of this section and under sections twenty-six NN and twenty-six OO for any project or projects or a part or parts of a project or projects to provide housing for elderly persons of low income; provided, said project or projects have been determined to be complete and eligible to re-

ceive such annual contributions by said division; and provided, further, that the commissioner of said department finds that the combined revenue and subsidy of such projects is insufficient to meet the cost of operation and debt service. The additional annual contributions authorized under this paragraph shall not in any one year exceed two million seven hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, over and above the four million six hundred twenty-five thousand dollars as authorized under the first paragraph.

Approved August 28, 1967.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, August 28, 1967.

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

DEAR MR. SECRETARY: — I, John A. Volpe, 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 572 of the Acts of 1967, entitled "An Act Increasing the Commonwealth's Guarantee and Annual Contributions to the Housing of Elderly Persons." and the enactment of which received my approval on August 28, 1967, 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 seriously effect the program for construction of housing of elderly persons.

Sincerely,

JOHN A. VOLPE,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, August 29, 1967.

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 nine o'clock and eleven minutes, A.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 five hundred and seventy-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven.

KEVIN H. WHITE,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Chap. 573. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE STEP-IN-RANGE OF THE INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF FIFTH ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT OF WORCESTER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the service as indictment clerk for the district attorney for the middle district shall be credited to the incumbent of the office of fifth assistant clerk of the central district court of Worcester in determining the step-in-range of said incumbent.

Approved August 28, 1967.