

than three years from their dates, as the board shall fix, and, except as herein provided, shall be subject to said chapter forty-four.

Loans may be issued hereunder in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-eight for meeting appropriations for public welfare only by a city or town which in such year has appropriated to be raised by taxation, or appropriated from available funds, for the public welfare purposes enumerated in the preceding paragraph, an amount not less than fifty per cent of the aggregate of its expenditures made in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven for public welfare, including in such term old age assistance, medical assistance, aid to families with dependent children and disability assistance, made otherwise than from the proceeds of federal grants, all as determined by the board.

Loans may be issued hereunder in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-eight for meeting appropriations for veterans' benefits only by a city or town which in such year has appropriated to be raised by taxation, or appropriated from available funds, for veterans' benefits purposes an amount not less than the aggregate of its expenditures made in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven for veterans' benefits, as determined by the board.

If a loan under authority of this act has been approved by the board during the year nineteen hundred and sixty-eight for a city or town, the amount of any appropriation voted by such city or town for said year for public welfare, including in such term old age assistance, medical assistance, aid to families with dependent children and disability assistance, and for veterans' benefits, shall not be reduced during the said year by appropriation, transfer, or otherwise, except with the written approval of the board.

SECTION 2. A loan order voted in any city under authority of this act shall be deemed to be an emergency order and as such may be passed in such manner as is provided for emergency orders or ordinances in its charter, and shall be in full force and effect immediately upon final favorable action thereon by its city council or chief executive, as the case may be, or upon expiration of any period specified by such charter for the approval or disapproval of such orders by its chief executive in any case where he fails to approve or disapprove such an order within such period, notwithstanding any provision of general or special law or ordinance to the contrary; provided, that in the city of Boston such loan orders may be passed in the manner provided in its charter for loan orders for temporary loans in anticipation of taxes.

Approved February 27, 1968.

Chap. 26. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY WHICH MAY BE BORROWED BY CITIES, TOWNS, AND DISTRICTS FOR USEFUL PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 74 of the acts of 1945 is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Any city, town or district may borrow hereunder, for projects for which borrowings are authorized by section seven of said chapter forty-four of the General Laws and for other projects for which borrowings

are not authorized by section eight of said chapter, amounts incurred under authority of this act, not exceeding, in the aggregate outstanding at any one time, one per cent of the equalized valuation, as defined in section one of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, without affecting its future borrowing capacity, and in addition, after such limit of one per cent is reached, may so borrow therefor so much as may be required of any amount within its debt limit as determined in accordance with section ten of said chapter forty-four, not then borrowed or authorized by such city, town or district to be borrowed; and any city, town or district may borrow hereunder, for projects of any class for which borrowings are authorized by section eight of said chapter, water projects being treated as a single class for the purposes hereof, amounts incurred under authority of this act, not exceeding, in the aggregate outstanding at any one time, one per cent of said equalized valuation of such city, town or district without affecting its future borrowing capacity, and in addition, after such limit of one per cent is reached, may so borrow therefor so much as may be required of any amount authorized by said section eight for such class of projects not then borrowed or authorized by such city, town or district to be borrowed, and no borrowing hereunder for any project for which borrowings are authorized by said section eight shall be reckoned in determining the borrowing capacity of such city, town or district under said section ten.

Approved February 28, 1968.

Chap. 27. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMPUTER EXPERTS TO MONITOR THE ELECTRONIC COUNTING OF BALLOTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the monitoring of the electronic counting of ballots on behalf of each political party, 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 33H of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 5 of chapter 564 of the acts of 1967, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: —

Each city or town chairman of a political party may appoint in writing a qualified computer expert to monitor the electronic counting of ballots at such tabulating center. He shall be assigned by the presiding officer to a position within the center which will enable him to observe all operations.

Approved March 4, 1968.

Chap. 28. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROVISIONS OF LAW RELATING TO THE SUBMISSION TO THE VOTERS OF QUESTIONS OF APPROVING OR DISAPPROVING ORDERS AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES OR CERTIFICATES OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 8A of chapter 44 of the General Laws, inserted by section 1 of chapter 108 of the acts of 1939, is hereby amended by striking out,