

and meetings and otherwise carrying out the purpose of this act. Meetings of the commission shall be held at the call of the chairman or in such other manner as may be set forth in said rules but not less often than monthly. All decisions of the commission, including the adoption of said rules, shall be by vote of a majority of the members thereof.

SECTION 13. The provisions of this act are severable and if any section, provision or clause of this act shall be declared invalid or inapplicable to any person or circumstance by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or inapplicability shall not be construed to affect the portions not so held or persons or circumstances not so affected. All laws and ordinances or portions of laws or ordinances inconsistent with the policy and provisions of this act are superseded to the extent of such inconsistency by the provisions of this act.

SECTION 14. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by the city of Springfield.

Approved June 3, 1968.

Chap. 378. AN ACT EXTENDING THE TIME WITHIN WHICH WIDOWS, ORPHANS, SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND THEIR WIVES, THEIR WIDOWS, THEIR FATHERS OR MOTHERS, CERTAIN ELDERLY PERSONS AND BLIND PERSONS MAY FILE APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN ABATEMENTS OR EXEMPTION OF TAXES LEVIED IN THE YEARS NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SIX AND NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Applications for abatement or exemption, as provided in clauses Seventeenth, Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Thirty-seventh and Forty-first of section five of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws, of taxes levied in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-six or the year nineteen hundred and sixty-seven may be made not later than December fifteenth, nineteen hundred and sixty-eight, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary.

(This Bill, returned by the governor, to the House of Representatives, the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto, was passed by the House of Representatives, May 29, 1968, and, in concurrence, by the Senate, June 3, 1968, the objections of the governor notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by the constitution; and thereby has "the force of a law".)

Chap. 379. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF EASTHAM TO HIRE TWO MEN WHO ARE OVER THE AGE OF SEVENTY AS MILLERS OF SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, relative to the maximum age of public employees, the town of Eastham may hire two men, who are over said age, as millers.

(This Bill, returned by the governor, to the House of Representatives, the branch in which it originated, with his objections thereto, was passed by the House of Representatives, May 28, 1968, and, in concurrence, by the Senate, June 3, 1968, the objections of the governor notwithstanding, in the manner prescribed by the constitution; and thereby has "the force of a law".)