

made for travel outside the commonwealth for attendance at conferences or conventions.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 9, 1968.

Chap. 521. AN ACT DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT A WATER SUPPLY TUNNEL EXTENDING FROM THE CITY OF CHELSEA TO THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON UNDER THE CHELSEA RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission, hereinafter called the commission, is hereby authorized and directed, for the purpose of providing the East Boston section of the city of Boston with a continuous water supply, under adequate pressures to meet all requirements, to construct a new water supply tunnel, extending from Chelsea to East Boston and to make other related improvements in the commission's water distribution facilities serving this area of the city.

SECTION 2. In carrying out the provisions of section one, said commission may expend any unencumbered balance of funds previously authorized for the improvement of distribution facilities of the metropolitan water district in addition to the sum of two million dollars authorized in section four.

SECTION 3. The state treasurer may borrow from time to time on the credit of the commonwealth such sums of money as may be necessary for the purpose of meeting payments as authorized by this act and may issue and renew from time to time notes of the commonwealth therefor, bearing interest payable at such times and at such rates as shall be fixed by the state treasurer. Such notes shall be issued and may be renewed one or more times for such terms, not exceeding one year, as the governor may recommend to the general court in accordance with Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, but the final maturities of such notes, whether original or renewal, shall be not later than three years from the date of the original issue. Notwithstanding any provision of this act, such notes shall be part of the debt of the metropolitan water district.

SECTION 4. To meet the expenditures necessary in carrying out the provisions of this act or to refinance notes issued as provided in section three of this act, the state treasurer shall, upon request of the governor, issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the governor from time to time, but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of two million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their face, Metropolitan Water District Additional Loan, Act of 1968, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to Section 3 of Article LXII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amounts payable in the several years of the period of amortization other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in

the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semiannually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix. The initial maturities of such bonds shall be payable not later than one year from the date of issue thereof and the entire issue not later than June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety. All interest payments and payments on account of principal on such obligations shall be part of the debt and expenses of the metropolitan water district.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 9, 1968.

Chap. 522. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF CERTAIN MAIN AND PARTICULAR SEWERS IN THE SOUTHEAST SECTION OF THE CITY OF MELROSE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Melrose, acting through its board of aldermen, is hereby authorized to assess upon the owners of estates which derive particular benefit or advantage from any system of main drains and common sewers which may be constructed by said city, with or without the aid of federal funds, in that portion of the southeast section of said city shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Proposed Sewer Extensions and Areas to be Sewered in Southeast Section of Melrose, Mass., dated May 1, 1968, George R. Winters, Engineer and Superintendent of Public Works, Melrose, Mass.," sums equal, in the aggregate, to not more than one half of so much of the cost of such construction as is paid by said city from funds other than those made available by the federal government, at a fixed uniform rate according to both frontage and area, as authorized by section fifteen of chapter eighty-three of the General Laws, any provision of any general or special law or of any ordinance of said city to the contrary notwithstanding.

SECTION 2. The aldermen may, from time to time, by order authorize the construction of any portion of the system of main drains and common sewers referred to in section one and may state in such order that betterments are to be assessed therefor upon the several estates embraced in the area included in the plan referred to in said section one, or such portion thereof, as they deem will receive benefit or advantage therefrom, other than the general advantage to the community. An order under this section which states that betterments are to be assessed shall contain a description sufficiently accurate for identification of the area which it is expected will receive such benefit or advantage, and shall refer to a plan of such area and shall contain a schedule of all the estates affected thereby. Such order, plan and schedule shall be recorded within thirty days from the adoption of the order in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.

SECTION 3. Subject to the provisions of section two, the aldermen may order the construction of a pumping station, trunk sewer and other works essential to the disposal of sewage from the entire area embraced in the plan referred to in section one and take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws or authorize the purchase of land, water rights, rights of way or easements necessary therefor and may assess betterments therefor in the manner hereinbefore provided.