

Chap. 632. AN ACT REQUIRING ABSENTEE VOTING AT SPECIAL AND REGULAR MUNICIPAL AND STATE ELECTIONS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 86 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 213 of the acts of 1961, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "of", in line 2, the words: — a special state election or.

SECTION 2. Section 103A of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 477 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

Sections eighty-six to one hundred and three, inclusive, of this chapter and sections twenty-one and twenty-seven of chapter fifty-six shall, so far as applicable, apply to special and regular city elections, and to special and regular town elections in any town. All the rights, powers, duties and obligations conferred and imposed upon the state secretary by said sections shall, with respect to said city and town elections, be exercised and performed by the clerk of such city or town, and, in construing said sections for the purposes of this section, any reference to state elections shall be considered as referring to said city or town elections in such city or town.

Approved July 16, 1968.

Chap. 633. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT SCHOOL COMMITTEES SHALL NOT DESIGNATE ATTORNEYS AS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES UNLESS SO AUTHORIZED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OR THE TOWN MEETING.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The first paragraph of section 178I of chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 763 of the acts of 1965, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — In such bargaining with an employee organization for school employees, the municipal employer shall be represented by the school committee or its designated representative or representatives; provided, however, that the school committee shall not designate an attorney as its representative unless it is so authorized by vote of the city council, in the case of a city, or of the town meeting, in the case of a town. Such attorney shall not be subject to the provisions of section nine A of chapter thirty or the provisions of chapter thirty-one.

Approved July 16, 1968.

Chap. 634. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION TO CONSTRUCT RESERVOIRS AND OTHER WORKS OF IMPROVEMENT FOR FLOOD PREVENTION, LOW FLOW REGULATION, RECREATION, AND RELATED PURPOSES IN THE WATERSHED OF THE WEST BRANCH OF THE WESTFIELD RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The water resources commission is hereby authorized to enter into watershed work plan agreements and project agreements with the United States department of agriculture for the construction of certain works of improvement including water retention structures in the