

Chap. 726. AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE DATE OF THE PERMANENT APPOINTMENT OF ARMAND J. LEBLANC AS DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF OF THE CITY OF WALTHAM.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, and for the purpose of correcting procedural errors and preventing injustice, the date of the permanent appointment of Armand J. LeBlanc, as deputy fire chief of the city of Waltham, is hereby established as being June 5, 1965, when he was duly certified on the eligible list established by the director of civil service and assigned to the duties of said position by the appointing authority of the city of Waltham.

Approved August 18, 1969.

Chap. 727. AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERALLY DONATED FOODS TO NEEDEY FAMILIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Pursuant to an agreement entered into between the commissioner of education and the department of public welfare, authorized by section seven of chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, inserted by chapter six hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-three, under the terms of which the department of public welfare was authorized to supervise, administer and provide for the distribution of surplus agricultural commodities donated to the commonwealth by the United States department of agriculture and supplied to said department by said commissioner of education, the commissioner of public welfare may enter into agreements with any public or private agency which may provide for the donation of gratuitous services and the contribution of funds for the purpose of expediting such distribution. Such donations may provide for the cost of transportation, storage and distribution of such surplus agricultural commodities under the general supervision of the department of public welfare and for other related costs; provided, that no liability except that of general supervision shall be placed upon the department as a result of the contribution of such donated services or funds.

Approved August 18, 1969.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, August 18, 1969.

The Honorable JOHN F. X. DAVOREN, *Secretary of the Commonwealth, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.*

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:— I, Francis W. Sargent, 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 727 of the Acts of 1969, entitled "AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE DISTRIBUTION OF FEDERALLY DONATED FOODS TO NEEDEY FAMILIES IN THE COMMONWEALTH." and the enactment of which received my approval on August 18, 1969, should take effect forthwith.

To facilitate the distribution of Federally donated foods to needy families in the Commonwealth and so that the operation of this program may proceed without unnecessary delay, I declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the above facts constitute the emergency.

Sincerely,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, August 19, 1969.

I, John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at two o'clock and twenty minutes, P.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 seven hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Chap. 728. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN TO REIMBURSE THE CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER FOR THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTIES OF HAMPDEN AND BERKSHIRE ON ACCOUNT OF MONEY STOLEN FROM HIS OFFICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The county of Hampden is hereby authorized and directed to reimburse the chief probation officer for the superior court for the counties of Hampden and Berkshire in the amount of seventeen hundred dollars and fifty cents which was the amount stolen and not recovered in a burglary of the office of said probation officer on January twenty-second, nineteen hundred and sixty. If after such payment such officer receives any sum in reduction of such losses, he shall forthwith pay over the same to the county of Hampden. *Approved August 18, 1969.*

Chap. 729. AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO GRANT TO THE CITY OF MEDFORD THE AIR RIGHTS OVER ITS PROPERTY IN THE WELLINGTON AREA OF SAID CITY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority is hereby authorized and directed to lease to the city of Medford air rights including rights for support, access, utilities, and light and air, for a term of years not exceeding ninety-nine years over a certain parcel of land owned by said Authority in the Wellington area of said city as shown on plans of land entitled "Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Haymarket — North Extension Contract No. HN-Wellington Area — Land Takings — Col. S. H. Bingham Asso. Inc. Consulting Engineers —