

SECTION 11. In evaluating research proposals and requests for assistance submitted by interested individuals, institutions and firms, to the Foundation, the Foundation shall give priority to proposals which do not require indefinitely continuing grants and which portend immediate or long-range benefit to the commonwealth, and to such persons, institutions or firms as are residents of the commonwealth or were organized therein.

SECTION 12. The Foundation is created and shall be operated exclusively for public purposes and not for pecuniary profit. No part of the net earnings of the Foundation shall inure to the benefit of any private individual.

SECTION 13. The Foundation and all its real and personal property shall be exempt from taxation and from betterments and special assessments; and the Foundation shall not be required to pay any tax, excise or assessment to or for the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions.

Approved August 28, 1969.

Chap. 844. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BERKSHIRE COUNTY TO TAKE THE WATER RIGHTS TO RICHMOND POND BY EMINENT DOMAIN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The county commissioners of Berkshire county are hereby authorized to take by eminent domain or to acquire by purchase or otherwise, for recreational and flood control purposes, the water rights, dam and any land or buildings which may be necessary for the control of the flowage of the water in Richmond pond located in part in the city of Pittsfield and in part in the town of Richmond.

Approved August 28, 1969.

Chap. 845. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE JUSTICES OF SEVERAL COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND OF CERTAIN REGISTERS OF PROBATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of chapter 185 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 699 of the acts of 1966, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The judge and associate judges of the land court shall each receive a salary of thirty thousand dollars and each shall annually receive, upon the certificate of the judge, the amount of expenses incurred by him in the discharge of his duties, to be paid by the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Chapter 211 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 22, as most recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 699, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

Section 22. The chief justice of the court shall receive a salary of thirty-five thousand dollars and each associate justice a salary of thirty-three thousand eight hundred dollars, and the chief justice and each associate justice shall annually receive from the commonwealth, upon certificate of the chief justice, the amount of the expenses incurred by