

designated as the Richard C. Cooke Clinic, in honor of Richard C. Cooke, M.D., a former superintendent of said school. A suitable tablet bearing said designation shall be erected at said center by the department of mental health.

*Approved March 16, 1970.*

**Chap. 118.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING ASSESSORS TO REQUIRE WRITTEN RETURNS, UNDER OATH, OF INFORMATION RELATIVE TO ASSESSABLE PROPERTY AND TO REQUIRE TESTIMONY UNDER OATH.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 59 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 38A the following two sections: —

*Section 38B.* A board of assessors may request the owner or lessee of any real estate to make a written return under oath within sixty days containing such information as may reasonably be required by it to determine the actual value of such property.

Failure of an owner or lessee of real estate to comply with such request within sixty days after it has been made shall bar him from any statutory appeal under this chapter, unless the owner or lessee of such real estate was unable to comply with such request for reasons beyond his control. If any owner or lessee of real estate in a return made under this section makes any statement which he knows to be false in a material particular, such false statement shall bar him from any statutory appeal under this chapter.

*Section 38C.* A board of assessors may require testimony under oath of a taxpayer relative to his written return filed under section thirty-eight B and may also require testimony under oath of any applicant for abatement under section fifty-nine.

*Approved March 16, 1970.*

**Chap. 119.** AN ACT INCREASING THE VALUE OF AN ESTATE OF HOMESTEAD.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of chapter 188 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 32 of the acts of 1939, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 3, the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten.

**SECTION 2.** Section 9 of said chapter 188, as amended by section 2 of said chapter 32, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten.

**SECTION 3.** Section 21 of chapter 209 of the General Laws, as amended by section 3 of said chapter 32, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "four" and inserting in place thereof the word: — ten.

**SECTION 4.** Section 18 of chapter 236 of the General Laws, as amended by section 4 of said chapter 32, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 6, 9 and 12, the word "four" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word: — ten.

**SECTION 5.** This act shall take effect on January the first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

*Approved March 16, 1970.*