

Chap. 396. AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE UNTIL AGE SIXTY-FIVE FOR ROBERT E. LEVEILLE, INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Robert E. Leveille, incumbent of the office of chief of police of the town of Southamptton, shall hold said office until he reaches age sixty-five. Said incumbent shall not be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the board of selectmen in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

Approved June 4, 1970.

Chap. 397. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN QUESTIONS RELATIVE TO GROUP LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PRESENT AND RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF BELMONT SHALL BE PLACED ON THE BALLOT TO BE USED IN SAID TOWN AT THE BIENNIAL STATE ELECTION IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

In the town of Belmont there shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at the biennial state election to be held in the current year the following two questions: —

1. "Shall the town, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees in the service of the town and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, the proposal shall be deemed to be adopted, but not otherwise.

2. "Shall the town, in addition to the payment of fifty per cent of a premium for contributory group life and health insurance for employees retired from the service of the town, and their dependents, pay a subsidiary or additional rate?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, the proposal shall be deemed to be adopted, but not otherwise.

Approved June 4, 1970.

Chap. 398. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FALL RIVER TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF AND TO PAY A CERTAIN UNPAID BILL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Fall River is hereby authorized to appropriate and pay to Hayden Electric Company the sum of eight hundred and sixty-four dollars and twenty-two cents for labor and materials furnished to said city in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury that the goods, materials or services for which said bill was submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of said city, and that such goods and materials were

delivered and actually received by said city or that such services were rendered to said city, or both.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two which is false, and who thereby receives payment for goods, materials or services which were not received by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

Approved June 4, 1970.

Chap. 399. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF SOUTHERN NORFOLK TO ADJUST HIS BOOKS ON ACCOUNT OF MONEY STOLEN FROM HIS OFFICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The clerk of the district court of southern Norfolk is hereby authorized to adjust his accounts by deducting from his cash book receipts of money due the county of Norfolk the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars and eight cents, which sum was the amount stolen in a burglary during the night of March the twentieth, nineteen hundred and seventy.

Approved June 4, 1970.

Chap. 400. AN ACT LIMITING THE PERSONAL LIABILITY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CERTAIN OTHER OFFICERS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFICIAL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 123 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 28 the following section:—

Section 28A. The commissioner of mental health, the superintendent of a state hospital or state school, the head of any residential mental health or retardation facility of the department, or any person acting in any such capacity shall not be liable for damages in excess of ten thousand dollars as a result of any act or failure to act in the performance of his official administrative duties provided that he acted in good faith and without malice.

Approved June 4, 1970.

Chap. 401. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARY OF THE INCUMBENT OF THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF SOMERVILLE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, service as an employee of the commonwealth shall be credited to the incumbent of the office of clerk of the district court of Somerville on the effective date of this act in determining the step-in-range of said incumbent.

Approved June 4, 1970.