

Chap. 279. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE NAUSET REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Nauset Regional School District is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appropriation the treasurer of said district is hereby authorized to pay, such of the unpaid bills incurred by said district and totalling thirty-eight thousand, one hundred twenty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents, in accordance with a schedule on file in the office of the director of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation, which bills are legally unenforceable against said district; provided that the money so appropriated to pay such bills shall be made from unappropriated surplus funds of the district, including, but not limited to, any available funds in the district's excess and deficiency account.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the regional district school committee of the district for payment or be paid by the treasurer thereof under authority of this act unless and until a certificate has been signed and filed with said school committee, stating under penalties of perjury that the goods, materials or services for which said bill has been submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of said district, and that such goods and materials were delivered to and actually received by said district or that such services were rendered to said district, or both.

SECTION 2A. 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 district, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Approved May 13, 1971.

Chap. 280. AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH APPLICATIONS FOR STATE AID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAY BE MADE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 645 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by striking out section 10, as most recently amended by chapter 471 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 10. Sections one to nine of this act shall take effect on July the first of the current year, and shall cease to be operative on June the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, except that the payments provided by section nine shall be continued thereafter by the state treasurer, subject to appropriation, in accordance with the provisions of said section, on certification by the commissioner of education.

Approved May 13, 1971.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, STATE HOUSE,
BOSTON, May 13, 1971.

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 280 of the Acts of 1971, entitled "AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE TIME DURING WHICH APPLICATIONS FOR STATE AID FOR THE CONSTRUCTION, RESTORATION AND REPAIR OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS MAY BE MADE." and the enactment of which received my approval on May 13, 1971, should take effect forthwith.

I further declare that in my opinion said law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

To permit the Board of Education to approve, without interruption, school construction grants for cities, towns and regional school districts.

Sincerely,
FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, May 13, 1971.

I, John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at two o'clock and forty-five 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 two hundred and eighty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-one.

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

Chap. 281. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PROCEDURES FOR ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENCY FEE LAW BY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The third paragraph of section 17G of chapter 180 of the General Laws, inserted by section 2 of chapter 463 of the acts of 1970, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "charter", in line 5, the words:—; in a regional school district by majority vote of the regional district school committee.

Approved May 13, 1971.