

ACTS.

Chap. 1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF DIVISIONS OF CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS INTO PRECINCTS FOR STATE CENSUS AND LOCAL ELECTION PURPOSES.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is, in part, to provide forthwith information needed for redistricting senatorial and representative districts, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of chapters forty-three A and fifty-four of the General Laws, any change made by any city or town in its wards and voting precincts after July thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one and prior to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, such change being the basis upon which census figures are returned under oath to the office of the state secretary, shall, for the purpose of reporting, in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two, the census of inhabitants required by Article XCII of the Amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, take effect as of December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one and for all other purposes shall take effect in towns as of January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, and in cities as provided in section four of said chapter fifty-four; provided, however, that any such change made by vote of the board of selectmen of any town between August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-two and December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, both dates inclusive, shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three for town election purposes unless said board of selectmen votes prior to February first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three to establish January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four as the effective date of said change for town election purposes.

Approved January 23, 1973.

Chap. 2. AN ACT RECONSTITUTING THE OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT, VALIDATING CERTAIN PROCEEDINGS OF THE DISTRICT AND THE MEMBER TOWNS AND AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT TO BORROW MONEY FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School Districting consisting of the towns of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester is hereby reconstituted a regional school district under chapter seventy-one of the General Laws and the regional school district agreement dated the twentieth day of January, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, as amended to provide for the withdrawal of the towns of Freetown and Lakeville.

SECTION 2. The vote passed by the regional district school committee on the twenty-seventh day of September, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, authorizing the borrowing of five million, two hundred thousand dollars and the votes of the towns of Acushnet, Carver, Mattapoisett and Rochester passed on the twenty-sixth day of October of said year approving the incurring of such indebtedness are hereby validated, ratified and confirmed in all respects, and the district may incur indebtedness in accordance with that vote and said chapter seventy-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 8, 1973.

Chap. 3. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS TO GRANT RETROACTIVE PAY RAISES TO MEMBERS OF ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the city of North Adams is hereby authorized to pay, subject to the provisions of Public Law 91-379, as amended, and subsequent executive orders issued pursuant thereto, to present or former employees of the fire department of said city the salary provided in the "Fire Scale", voted by the city council of said city on August eighth, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, and approved by its mayor on August ninth, nineteen hundred and seventy-two, which payments shall be retroactive to January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved February 8, 1973.

Chap. 4. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WAREHAM TO APPROPRIATE AND PAY RETROACTIVE WAGE INCREASES AND FRINGE BENEFITS CONTAINED IN CERTAIN COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the town of Wareham is hereby authorized to appropriate the sum of one thousand seven hundred forty-three dollars and two cents for