

required therefor shall be paid by the treasurer of said city, and such additional amount shall be reported by the auditor to the assessors who shall include the amount so reported in the aggregate appropriations assessed in the determination of the next tax rate.

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

*Approved February 26, 1973.*

**Chap. 38.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF NEW DIVISIONS OF CITIES INTO WARDS.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to facilitate forthwith the use of any newly created ward lines in the current year, including the preparation of the voting lists and the street listings during the early months of the current year, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 4, as most recently amended by section 6 of chapter 820 of the acts of 1971, and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

SECTION 4. All elections and primaries held in any city after it has been redivided into wards and prior to any antecedent primary of the first biennial state election at which representatives are to be elected from new representative districts established under the provisions of the constitution shall be held in the cities as redivided; provided, that the city council of a city may for the purpose of any municipal election and its antecedent primary or preliminary election, if any, held prior to said antecedent primary at the state election, order that wards as existing previous to such redivision shall continue and for all such purposes the election officers shall be appointed and hold office and voting lists shall be prepared and all other things required by law shall be done as if there had been no such redivision. In the establishment of wards into voting precincts under this chapter, no voting precinct shall be so formed that it will be partly in one congressional district and partly in another congressional district.

*Approved February 26, 1973.*

**Chap. 39.** AN ACT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE TOWN CLERK OF THE TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN GIVE CERTAIN NOTICES BY MAIL OF ADJOURNED REPRESENTATIVE TOWN MEETINGS.

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

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 3 of chapter 285