

Chap. 286. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF REGISTRARS AND ASSISTANT REGISTRARS OF VOTERS IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 25, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 25.* No person shall be appointed a registrar or assistant registrar who is not a voter of the city or town for which he is appointed, who holds an office in the city or town for which he is appointed either by election or by direct appointment of the mayor or of the selectmen or of a city manager or town manager, or who holds an office by election or appointment under the government of the United States or of the commonwealth, except as a justice of the peace, notary public, or officer of the state militia. The acceptance by a registrar or assistant registrar of any such office shall vacate his office as registrar or assistant registrar.

Approved March 24, 1961.

Chap. 287. AN ACT REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF CIVIL SERVICE TO KEEP RECORDS OF ALL PERMANENT APPOINTMENTS IN THE OFFICIAL OR LABOR SERVICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Paragraph (i) of section 2A of chapter 31 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 725 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "all", in line 3, the word permanent, — so as to read as follows: — (i) Keep complete and accurate records of all examinations held, of all eligible lists established, of all persons certified for appointment, and of all permanent, provisional and temporary appointments made in the official or labor service.

Approved March 24, 1961.

Chap. 288. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR SUPERVISION OF ELECTION OFFICERS IN TOWNS WHICH ARE NOT DIVIDED INTO PRECINCTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 71A of chapter 54 of the General Laws, inserted by section 17 of chapter 411 of the acts of 1943, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words "divided into voting precincts", — so as to read as follows: — *Section 71A.* Election officers in cities and in towns shall perform their duties under the supervision of the city or town clerk.

Approved March 24, 1961.

Chap. 289. AN ACT RELATIVE TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF MALDEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The school committee of the city of Malden shall present to the mayor in January of each year a detailed estimate in writing of the expenses of the public schools in said city for the then current financial year.

SECTION 2. Whenever, in the opinion of said school committee, a new school building is required, or alterations or additions to an existing school building to obtain additional floor space therein, which involves the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars, the school committee shall notify the city council of said city, said notification to be in writing and signed by a majority of the committee. Within six months after receipt of said notification by the school committee, the city council shall, subject to the approval of the mayor, reply in writing to the school committee stating its affirmative or negative action upon such request.

SECTION 3. Whenever the city council authorizes the construction of a new school building for the use of the school department, or an addition or alteration to any school building, involving the expenditure of more than one thousand dollars the same shall be constructed under the supervision of a school building committee, consisting of the mayor, two members of the city council, the superintendent of schools, two members of the school committee and the inspector of buildings. At the commencement of each municipal year the president of the city council shall appoint one councillor, the mayor shall appoint one councillor, and the chairman of the school committee shall appoint two members of the school committee to be members of the school building committee, to serve until their successors are appointed. Said school building committee shall execute all plans and contracts for such buildings or additions.

SECTION 4. So much of chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, as is inconsistent with the provisions of this act, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Malden, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved March 27, 1961.

Chap. 290. AN ACT PROHIBITING INTERFERENCE WITH ELECTRICAL FACILITIES OWNED BY, OR DIVERSION OF ELECTRICITY CHARGED TO, PERSONS OTHER THAN ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 164 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 127, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 127.* Whoever unlawfully and intentionally injures or destroys, or suffers to be injured or destroyed, any meter, pipe, conduit, wire, line, pole, lamp or other apparatus belonging to a corporation engaged in the manufacture or sale of electricity or to any person, or unlawfully and intentionally prevents an electric meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied, or in any way interferes with its proper action or just registration, or, without the consent of such corporation or person, unlawfully and intentionally diverts any electrical current from any wire of such corporation or person, or otherwise unlawfully and intentionally uses or causes to be used, without the consent of such corporation or person, any electricity manufactured or distributed by such corporation, or charged to such person, shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both.

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