

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 239 of the General Laws, as amended by section 1 of chapter 463 of the acts of 1960, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Such person may bring an action in the superior court in the county, or in the district court in the judicial district, in which the land lies, by a writ in the form of an original summons to the defendant to answer to the claim of the plaintiff that the defendant is in possession of the land or tenements in question, describing them, which he holds unlawfully against the right of the plaintiff, and, if rent is claimed, that the defendant owes rent in the amount stated in said writ; provided, however, subject to the approval of the supreme judicial court, the judge of the housing court of the city of Boston shall determine the form of said writ in said actions brought in his court.

Approved June 29, 1973.

Chap. 489. AN ACT ASCERTAINING THE WILL OF THE VOTERS OF THE TOWN OF GREENFIELD RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A LEASH LAW IN SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

In order to ascertain the will of the voters of the town of Greenfield the following question shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of officers at the annual town meeting to be held in said town in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-four:— “Shall the town adopt a by-law requiring the restraint of any dog within the town by a chain or leash not exceeding eight feet in length, unless such dog is on the premises of the owner or keeper, or upon the premises of another person with permission of such other person?” If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, it shall be taken to be the will of the voters of said town that said by-law be adopted.

Approved June 29, 1973.

Chap. 490. AN ACT REPEALING THE LAW REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL SERVICE TO MAKE A QUARTERLY REPORT TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to repeal the law requiring the director of civil service to make a quarterly report to the civil service commission, 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:

Section 2A of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (k), as most recently amended by chapter 5 of the acts of 1969, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

(k) On or before October first each year, the director shall make a report to the commission containing information as to the division's

activities during the previous fiscal year, including data on examinations and appointments, and his recommendations, if any, for the improvement of said activities. Said report shall be a public record and copies of it shall be furnished to the governor and the state library.

Approved July 2, 1973.

Chap. 491. AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN DEATH BENEFITS WHICH MAY BE PAID BY SOMERVILLE POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Somerville Police Relief Association, a corporation duly established under the laws of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized, upon the death of the wife of any member in good standing, to pay to such member such sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by vote of said corporation, and, upon the death of any member in good standing, to pay such death benefits, not exceeding four thousand dollars, as may be determined from time to time by vote as aforesaid.

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

Approved July 2, 1973.

Chap. 492. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR VOTER REGISTRATION SESSIONS IN HIGH SCHOOLS AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 51 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 42B the following section:—

Section 42C. The registrars or election commissioners shall hold a registration session at each public high school and vocational school within their city or town upon the request of the principal of said school; provided that a minimum number of twenty-five unregistered students of said school of voting age have petitioned said principal in writing to request said registration session. Said principal shall upon the receipt of said petition forward the same to the registrar or election commissioner of said city or town. Said registration session shall be held only once during any one school year in any one high school or vocational school.

Approved July 2, 1973.

Chap. 493. AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE FOR CERTAIN ASSISTANT REGISTERS OF DEEDS FOR SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The first sentence of section 4 of chapter 36 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "responsible", in line 3, the