

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 454 of the acts of 1972 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 5, the words "three hundred" and inserting in place thereof the words: — nine hundred.

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

*Approved August 21, 1973.*

**Chap. 662.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE STATUS OF CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF PLAINVILLE.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, Gregory Fiske, William MacKenzie, Edward Orlando and Stephen West, incumbents of the positions of regular or permanent members of the police department of the town of Plainville shall, except as otherwise provided in this act, be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, and the tenure of office of said incumbents shall be unlimited, provided, however, that each of the said incumbents shall be subject to a qualifying examination prescribed by the director of civil service for such position. Each incumbent who passes said examination shall be certified for such position and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto subject to serving a probationary period from the date of such appointment. Each incumbent who fails to pass said examination may serve in such position until January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, but not thereafter.

*Approved August 21, 1973.*

**Chap. 663.** AN ACT ESTABLISHING COUNCILLOR AND SENATORIAL DISTRICTS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out sections 2 and 3 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections: —

Section 2. For the purpose of choosing councillors until the next decennial apportionment, the commonwealth is divided, conformably with the constitution, into the following eight councillor districts: —

*First.* — Consisting of the Bristol, the Bristol and Plymouth, the Bristol and Norfolk, the Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk and the Cape, Plymouth and Islands senatorial districts.

*Second.* — Consisting of the first Middlesex and Norfolk, the second Middlesex and Norfolk, the Norfolk and Suffolk, the second Suffolk and the first Suffolk and Norfolk senatorial districts.

*Third.* — Consisting of the first and fifth Middlesex, the third Middlesex and Norfolk, the Middlesex and Suffolk and the Middlesex and Worcester senatorial districts.

*Fourth.* — Consisting of the Norfolk, the Norfolk and Plymouth, the Plymouth and Norfolk, the first Suffolk and the second Suffolk and Norfolk senatorial districts.

*Fifth.* — Consisting of the first, second and third Essex, the first Essex and Middlesex and the second Essex and Middlesex senatorial districts.

*Sixth.* — Consisting of the second, third, and fourth Middlesex, the Suffolk and Middlesex and the Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex senatorial districts.

*Seventh.* — Consisting of the first and second Worcester, the Worcester and Middlesex, the Worcester and Norfolk and the Worcester, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire senatorial districts.

*Eighth.* — Consisting of the Berkshire, the Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden, the Hampden, the Hampden and Berkshire and the Hampden and Hampshire senatorial districts.

*Section 3.* For the purpose of choosing senators, and of electing members of state committees of political parties as provided in section one of chapter fifty-two, until the next decennial apportionment, the commonwealth is divided, conformably with the constitution, into the following forty senatorial districts: —

*Berkshire.* — Consisting of the cities of North Adams and Pittsfield and the towns of Adams, Alford, Becket, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Florida, Great Barrington, Hancock, Hinsdale, Lanesborough, Lee, Lenox, New Ashford, Peru, Richmond, Savoy, Stockbridge, Tyringham, Washington, West Stockbridge, Williamstown and Windsor, all in the county of Berkshire.

*Bristol.* — Consisting of the city of Fall River and the towns of Acushnet, Berkley, Freetown, Somerset and Westport, all in the county of Bristol.

*Bristol and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the cities of Attleboro and Taunton, and the towns of Dighton, North Attleborough, Raynham, Rehoboth, Seekonk and Swansea, all in the county of Bristol; and the towns of Plainville and Wrentham, both in the county of Norfolk.

*Bristol and Plymouth.* — Consisting of the city of New Bedford and the towns of Dartmouth and Fairhaven, all in the county of Bristol; and the town of Mattapoisett, in the county of Plymouth.

*Bristol, Plymouth and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the towns of Easton, Mansfield and Norton, all in the county of Bristol; the towns of Bridgewater, Carver, Duxbury, East Bridgewater, Halifax, Hanson, Kingston, Lakeville, Middleborough, Pembroke, Plympton, Rochester, West Bridgewater and Whitman, all in the county of Plymouth; and the town of Foxborough, in the county of Norfolk.

*Cape, Plymouth and Islands.* — Consisting of the towns in Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket counties; and the towns of Marion, Plymouth and Wareham, all in the county of Plymouth.

*First Essex.* — Consisting of the city of Lynn and the towns of Lynnfield, Marblehead, Nahant and Swampscott, all in the county of Essex.

*Second Essex.* — Consisting of the cities of Beverly, Peabody and Salem and precincts numbered one, two, three, five and seven of the town of Danvers, all in the county of Essex.

*Third Essex.* — Consisting of the cities of Haverhill and Newburyport and the towns of Amesbury, Groveland, Merrimac, Methuen, North Andover, Salisbury and West Newbury, all in the county of Essex.

*First Essex and Middlesex.* — Consisting of the city of Gloucester, precincts numbered five and six of the town of Andover, the town of Boxford, precincts numbered four, six and eight of the town of Danvers, and the towns of Essex, Georgetown, Hamilton, Ipswich, Manchester, Middleton, Newbury, Rockport, Rowley, Topsfield and Wenham, all in the county of Essex; and the towns of North Reading and Reading, both in the county of Middlesex.

*Second Essex and Middlesex.* — Consisting of the city of Lawrence and precincts one, two, three and four of the town of Andover, both in the county of Essex; and the towns of Billerica and Tewksbury, both in the county of Middlesex.

*Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden.* — Consisting of the towns of Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Greenfield, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, Northfield, Rowe, Shelburne, Shutesbury, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately, all in the county of Franklin; the city of Northampton and the towns of Amherst, Chesterfield, Cummington, Easthampton, Goshen, Granby, Hadley, Hatfield, Middlefield, Pelham, Plainfield, South Hadley, Williamsburg and Worthington, all in the county of Hampshire; and the town of Chester, in the county of Hampden.

*Hampden.* — Consisting of wards numbered two, four, five, seven and eight of the city of Springfield and the town of Ludlow, both in the county of Hampden.

*Hampden and Berkshire.* — Consisting of wards numbered three and six of the city of Springfield, wards numbered two, three, four and five of the city of Westfield and the towns of Agawam, Blandford, Granville, Longmeadow, Russell, Southwick, Tolland and West Springfield, all in the county of Hampden; and the towns of Egremont, Monterey, Mount Washington, New Marlborough, Otis, Sandisfield and Sheffield, all in the county of Berkshire.

*Hampden and Hampshire.* — Consisting of the cities of Chicopee and Holyoke, ward numbered one of the city of Springfield, ward numbered one of the city of Westfield and the town of Montgomery, all in the county of Hampden; and the towns of Huntington, Southampton and Westhampton, all in the county of Hampshire.

*First Middlesex.* — Consisting of the city of Lowell and the towns of Ashby, Dracut, Dunstable, Croton, Pepperell, Townsend, Tyngsborough and Westford, all in the county of Middlesex.

*Second Middlesex.* — Consisting of wards numbered one, two, three, four, five and seven of the city of Medford and the city of Somerville, both in the county of Middlesex.

*Third Middlesex.* — Consisting of the cities of Malden and Melrose and the towns of Stoneham and Wakefield, all in the county of Middlesex.

*Fourth Middlesex.* — Consisting of ward numbered six of the city of Medford, the city of Woburn, the town of Arlington, precincts numbered one, two, three and five of the town of Lexington and the town of Winchester, all in the county of Middlesex.

*Fifth Middlesex.* — Consisting of wards numbered two, three and four of the city of Waltham, the town of Bedford, precincts numbered two and three of the town of Belmont and the towns of Burlington, Carlisle, Chelmsford, precincts four, six, seven, eight and nine of the town of Lexington and the towns of Lincoln and Wilmington, all in the county of Middlesex.

*First Middlesex and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the towns of Ashland, Framingham, Holliston and Natick, all in the county of Middlesex; and the towns of Franklin and Medway, both in the county of Norfolk.

*Second Middlesex and Norfolk.* — Consisting of wards numbered one, five, six, seven, eight and nine of the city of Waltham, and the towns of Sherborn, Wayland and Weston, all in the county of Middlesex; and the towns of Dover, Medfield, Millis, Needham and Wellesley, all in the county of Norfolk.

*Third Middlesex and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the city of Newton, in the county of Middlesex; and the town of Brookline, in the county of Norfolk.

*Middlesex and Suffolk.* — Consisting of wards numbered seven, nine, ten and eleven of the city of Cambridge, precincts one, four, five, six, seven and eight of the town of Belmont and the town of Watertown, all in the county of Middlesex; and precincts numbered seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen and sixteen of ward numbered twenty-one and ward numbered twenty-two of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk.

*Middlesex and Worcester.* — Consisting of the city of Marlborough and the towns of Acton, Ayer, Boxborough, Concord, Hudson, Littleton, Maynard, Shirley, Stow and Sudbury, all in the county of Middlesex; and the towns of Berlin, Bolton, Harvard and Northborough, all in the county of Worcester.

*Norfolk.* — Consisting of the city of Quincy and the towns of Braintree and Holbrook, all in the county of Norfolk.

*Norfolk and Plymouth.* — Consisting of the towns of Cohasset and Weymouth, both in the county of Norfolk; and the towns of Hanover, Hingham, Hull, Marshfield, Norwell and Scituate, all in the county of Plymouth.

*Norfolk and Suffolk.* — Consisting of the towns of Canton, Norfolk, Norwood, Sharon and Walpole, all in the county of Norfolk; and precincts numbered one, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, sixteen, seventeen,

eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-one, twenty-two and twenty-three of ward numbered eighteen in the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk.

*Plymouth and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the city of Brockton and the towns of Abington and Rockland, all in the county of Plymouth; and the towns of Avon and Stoughton, both in the county of Norfolk.

*First Suffolk.* — Consisting of precincts numbered five, six, seven and eight of ward numbered three, wards numbered five, six and seven, precincts numbered one, two and six of ward numbered eight, precincts numbered three, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten of ward numbered thirteen and precincts numbered one, two, three, four, five and six of ward numbered twenty-one of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk.

*Second Suffolk.* — Consisting of ward numbered four, precincts numbered three, four, five and seven of ward numbered eight, ward numbered nine, precincts numbered one, two, five, six and seven of ward numbered ten, precincts numbered one, two and three of ward numbered eleven, ward numbered twelve, precincts numbered one, two and four of ward numbered thirteen, ward numbered fourteen and precincts numbered two and three of ward numbered eighteen of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk.

*Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex.* — Consisting of the cities of Chelsea and Revere, both in the county of Suffolk; the town of Saugus, in the county of Essex; and the city of Everett, in the county of Middlesex.

*Suffolk and Middlesex.* — Consisting of wards numbered one and two and precincts numbered one, two, three and four of ward numbered three of the city of Boston and the town of Winthrop, both in the county of Suffolk; and wards numbered one, two, three, four, five, six and eight of the city of Cambridge, in the county of Middlesex.

*First Suffolk and Norfolk.* — Consisting of precincts numbered three, four, eight and nine of ward numbered ten, precincts numbered four, five, six, seven, eight, nine and ten of ward numbered eleven and wards numbered nineteen and twenty of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk; and the towns of Dedham and Westwood, both in the county of Norfolk.

*Second Suffolk and Norfolk.* — Consisting of wards numbered fifteen, sixteen and seventeen of the city of Boston, in the county of Suffolk; and the towns of Milton and Randolph, both in the county of Norfolk.

*First Worcester.* — Consisting of wards numbered one, two, three, four, nine and ten of the city of Worcester and the towns of Boylston, Clinton, Shrewsbury and West Boylston, all in the county of Worcester.

*Second Worcester.* — Consisting of the cities of Fitchburg, Gardner and Leominster and the towns of Ashburnham, Holden, Hubbardston, Lancaster, Lunenburg, Oakham, Princeton, Rutland, Sterling and Westminster, all in the county of Worcester.

*Worcester and Middlesex.* — Consisting of wards numbered five,

six, seven and eight of the city of Worcester and the towns of Grafton, Hopedale, Leicester, Millbury, Paxton, Southborough, Upton and Westborough, all in the county of Worcester; and the town of Hopkinton, in the county of Middlesex.

*Worcester and Norfolk.* — Consisting of the towns of Auburn, Blackstone, Douglas, Dudley, Mendon, Milford, Millville, Northbridge, Oxford, Southbridge, Sutton, Uxbridge and Webster, all in the county of Worcester; and the town of Bellingham, in the county of Norfolk.

*Worcester, Franklin, Hampden and Hampshire.* — Consisting of the towns of Athol, Barre, Brookfield, Charlton, East Brookfield, Hardwick, New Braintree, North Brookfield, Petersham, Phillipston, Royalston, Spencer, Sturbridge, Templeton, Warren, West Brookfield and Winchendon, all in the county of Worcester; the towns of New Salem and Orange, both in the county of Franklin; the towns of Brimfield, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Holland, Monson, Palmer, Wales and Wilbraham, all in the county of Hampden; and the towns of Belchertown and Ware, both in the county of Hampshire.

SECTION 2. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction of any petition for a writ of mandamus relative to the establishment of the forty senatorial districts under section one of this act. Every such petition shall be filed in court within ten days after the effective date of this act.

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

*Approved August 21, 1973.*

**Chap. 664.** AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPEALS BY PERSONS AGGRIEVED BY REFUSAL OF ASSESSORS TO ABATE TAXES ON REAL ESTATE.

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to facilitate certain appeals by persons aggrieved by the refusal of assessors to abate a tax on real estate, 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 1. The first sentence of the first paragraph of section 64 of chapter 59 of the General Laws, as amended by section 5 of chapter 621 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 4 and 5, the words "one thousand" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the words: — fifteen hundred.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply to taxes levied for the eighteen-month fiscal period beginning January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, and ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and subsequent fiscal years.

*Approved August 22, 1973.*