

quired by section two which is false and who thereby receives payment for goods, materials or services which were not received by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city of Lowell during the current year.

Approved August 29, 1973.

Chap. 716. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARIES OF CLERKS AND ASSISTANT CLERKS IN CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section four of chapter six hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-one, a clerk or an assistant clerk of a district court who was appointed to said office between November eleventh, nineteen hundred and seventy-one and January third, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, both dates inclusive, shall receive the salary which was provided by section seventy-nine and section eighty of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws in effect prior to January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three, said salary to be effective as of the date of his appointment.

SECTION 2. Section four of chapter six hundred and sixty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-one is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Section two of this act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-three.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 30, 1973.

Chap. 717. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EMPLOYMENT OF PRISONERS ON STATE PROPERTY.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately facilitate the employment of certain prisoners on state property, 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 127 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 49A the following section: —

Section 49B. Prisoners in state correctional institutions, except prisoners who are housed in the maximum security section at the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Walpole, may, in the custody of an officer, be eligible to provide care of buildings and grounds or services for patients in residential care at facilities of the department of mental health or the department of public