

chapter thirty-one or any such rule as a condition precedent to the restoration or protection of such rights.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-seven.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 535. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PLANNING BOARDS OF THE MERRIMACK VALLEY PLANNING COMMISSION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section four of chapter forty B of the General Laws, in cities and towns constituting the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission district having appointed planning boards, the members of said commission may be elected as provided in said section or may be appointed by the board of selectmen or town council of a town or the mayor or city council of a city, as may be provided by local ordinance or by-law.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 536. AN ACT REPEALING THE CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS OF TENEMENT HOUSES IN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Sections one, three to ninety-four, inclusive, and sections ninety-six to ninety-eight, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the General Laws are hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Sections one, three to fifty-eight, inclusive, and sections sixty-one to sixty-three, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and forty-five of the General Laws are hereby repealed.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 537. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF MARLBOROUGH TO ADJUST HIS BOOKS ON ACCOUNT OF MONEY STOLEN FROM HIS OFFICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The clerk of the district court of Marlborough is hereby authorized to adjust his accounts by deducting from his cashbook receipts of money due the county of Middlesex the sum of ninety-nine dollars and sixty-one cents, which was the sum stolen from said court and not recovered in a burglary during the night of August twenty-seventh, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved October 27, 1976.

Chap. 538. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WESTON TO JOIN WITH THE CITY OF WALTHAM IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF