

following section:-

Section 5D. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the maturities of bonds or notes issued by the district under the provisions of this act or under any other provisions of law shall either be arranged so that for each issue the annual combined payments of principal and interest shall be as nearly equal as practicable in the opinion of the officers authorized to issue said bonds or notes or, shall be arranged in accordance with a schedule providing for a more rapid amortization of principal.

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

Approved February 14, 1992.

Chapter 3.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act, the sums set forth in section two are hereby appropriated for the several purposes, and subject to the conditions, specified in chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-one, including fund designations in said chapter, and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to appropriations in said chapter, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two. The sums so appropriated are in addition to any amounts available for said purposes.

SECTION 2.

Item

DISTRICT ATTORNEYS.

0340-0700 \$129,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.

Office of Dispute Resolution.

1100-1103 \$75,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT.

3722-9024 \$23,680,998

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Item

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.*Department of Public Welfare.*

4403-2100 \$22,000,000

Department of Mental Health.

5046-0000 \$5,589,216

Department of Mental Retardation.

5948-0000 \$12,200,000

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

8100-0003 \$7,507,835

8100-0004 \$3,799,441

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.*State Racing Commission.*

9210-0001 \$698,000

SECTION 2A. To provide for certain unanticipated obligations of the commonwealth and to meet certain requirements of law, the sums set forth herein shall be appropriated from the General Fund, unless specifically designated otherwise, and shall be for the several purposes and subject to the conditions specified herein and subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE.*Office of the Commissioner.*

1100-5500 For the operations of the Chelsea receiver; provided, that the funds appropriated herein shall be used exclusively for the operations of the Chelsea receiver as established in chapter two hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-one; and, provided further, that the funds appropriated herein shall not be transferred to any other item of appropriation \$426,000

Local Aid Fund 100.0%

Miscellaneous.

1599-3853 For the operations of the city of Chelsea; provided, that the funds appropriated herein shall not be transferred to any other item of appropriation \$500,000

Local Aid Fund 100.0%

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPMENT.

3745-1000 For the purpose of providing periodic advance funding for a low income

energy assistance program including, but not limited to, the purchase of bulk oil; provided, that no funds shall be expended prior to the official notification from the federal government that sufficient funds have been awarded and that such advances will be reimbursed by the federal government upon the availability of federal funds under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Act of nineteen hundred and eighty-one, Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of nineteen hundred and eighty-one (Public Law 97-35) or any amendments or successor acts thereto

\$15,900,000

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the comptroller is hereby authorized and directed to transfer funds from item 4400-1000 to the item of appropriation listed below. The funds so transferred shall be for the purposes of, and subject to the conditions of said item listed below, established in section two of chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

Item

4406-3000

\$3,100,000

SECTION 4. Item 1100-1103 in section 2 of chapter 138 of the acts of 1991, is hereby amended by striking out the words "at least three hundred thousand" and inserting in place thereof the words "at least three hundred and seventy-five thousand".

SECTION 5. Said section 2 of said chapter 138, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out, in item 3722-9024, the text of said item and inserting in place thereof the following text:-

For payments to housing authorities and non-profit organizations operating family housing for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals in housing for the elderly, handicapped, veterans and relocated persons pursuant to sections thirty-two and forty of chapter one hundred and twenty-one B of the General Laws; provided, that the executive office of communities and development may expend the funds appropriated herein for deficiencies caused by certain reduced rentals which may be anticipated in the operation of housing authorities for the first quarter of the subsequent fiscal year; provided further, that no monies shall be expended from this item for the purpose of reimbursing the debt service reserve and capital reserve included in the budget of the housing authorities; and provided further, a sum of twenty-two million four hundred sixty-nine thousand two hundred forty-six dollars shall be spent on these payments. And, for

a program of rental assistance for families and elderly of low-income; provided, that of the funds appropriated herein, eighty-eight million five hundred nineteen thousand five hundred ninety-five dollars shall be deposited in an individual allocation account for the purposes of said rental assistance program; provided that not more than five percent of the amount expended for said rental assistance program may be used for the administration of said program; provided further, that notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, first preference for admission shall be granted to the eligible elderly; provided further, that the executive office of communities and development shall submit quarterly reports to the house and senate committees on ways and means detailing expenditures, the number of certificates awarded and the number of new and existing units leased; provided further, that the house and senate committees on ways and means shall be notified within fifteen days of any transfer of funds between allocation accounts as set forth in this item; provided further, that the executive office of communities and development shall conduct or contract for, no less than semi-annually, rent surveys for the purpose of determining the maximum allowable rent available under the rental assistance program. And, for a program of housing assistance consistent with the program requirements established by the federal government for the program authorized by Public Law 98-181, Section 207, to be administered through local non-profit agencies notwithstanding the provisions to the contrary in section forty-three of chapter one hundred and twenty-one B of the General Laws; provided, that of the funds appropriated herein, nine million six hundred fifty-four thousand five hundred forty-five dollars shall be allocated for the purpose of providing housing vouchers, so-called, currently being utilized by eligible households; provided further, that notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the department shall reduce the average housing voucher monthly payment standard by two hundred dollars by September 1, 1991; provided further, that in the case of any rental assistance provided in conjunction with any federal housing program, tenants shall pay such portion of their income for rent as may be required by said federal program and such assistance shall be administered in

accordance with applicable federal program regulations; provided further, that payments for rental assistance may be provided in advance, including not more than five positions; and provided further, that the department shall not exceed an appropriation of one hundred twenty-one million, two hundred fifty-eight thousand, three hundred and eighty-six dollars set forth herein, nor shall the department enter into commitments which will cause the department to exceed said appropriation.

SECTION 6. Item 4403-2000 in section 2 of said chapter 138 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words "no clothing allowance shall be provided in fiscal year nineteen hundred and ninety-two" and inserting in place thereof the words:- a nonrecurring clothing allowance in the amount of seventy-five dollars be provided to each child eligible under this program in March, nineteen hundred and ninety-two, subject to federal reimbursement; provided further, that such clothing allowance shall be included in the standard of need for the month of March, nineteen hundred and ninety-two; provided further, that the department shall assure that eligibility is redetermined in the month of April for any applicant made eligible for assistance by virtue of said increase in the standard of need; provided further, that the department shall report to the house and senate committees on ways and means by May fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two the increase in cases made eligible by virtue of said increase in the standard of need, the number of cases redetermined pursuant to the requirements of this item and number of cases made eligible for continuing assistance by virtue of said increase beyond the month for which said nonrecurring clothing allowance was paid.

SECTION 7. The last sentence of section 269 of said chapter 138 is hereby amended by striking out the words:- "nineteen hundred and ninety-one" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- "nineteen hundred and ninety-two".

SECTION 8. Section 46 of chapter 142 of the acts of 1991 is amended by striking the last sentence of the second paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:- The council shall file a copy of said study together with any proposed legislation with the Clerks of the House and Senate, by April 1, 1992; and provided further there shall be no implementation of said study without prior approval by the General Court.

SECTION 9. Section 51D of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the word "regional" appearing in lines 1, 3, 7, 14, and 51, and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word "area"; and by striking the third sentence of the first paragraph of said section 51D.

SECTION 10. The receiver for the city of Chelsea established by chapter two hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and ninety-one shall provide to the house

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and senate committees on ways and means a budget detailing all planned expenditures of state funds made available to said receiver by this act or any other act, and monthly expenditure reports listing the date, purpose, amount and recipient of all said state funds expended by the receiver in the previous month. Said budget shall be submitted no later than fifteen days after the enactment of this act, and said expenditure reports shall be submitted no later than ten days after the close of each calendar month. The first expenditure report submitted shall list the required information for all fund expended prior to the date of the report.

SECTION 11. Of the balance remaining in item 0321-1520 in said section 2 of said chapter 138, the amount of one million four hundred sixty-six thousand dollars is hereby transferred to item 0330-0400 of said section.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon passage.

Approved February 14, 1992.

**Chapter 4. AN ACT RELATIVE TO A CERTAIN COURT OFFICER OF
THE SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT COURT.**

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to immediately allow certain employees to contribute vacation and personal days on behalf of a certain court officer of the Springfield district court, 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:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the Springfield district court is hereby authorized and directed to allow employees in the bargaining units represented by Local 254 S.E.I.U. and Local 6 O.P.E.I.U., and other employees of the Springfield district court, to voluntarily contribute one or more vacation or personal days to provide compensation for the period of employment of court officer Thomas J. Dalmolin while on sick leave from December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and ninety-one until the date of his death on January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-two. Said Thomas J. Dalmolin was unable to receive any compensation for this period of employment, because he had been compensated for all sick, personal and vacation days which had otherwise accrued for his benefit during his employment by December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

Approved February 20, 1992.