

Chap. 135. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE MANCHESTER DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE TO ADD TO ITS ELECTED MEMBERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of section four of section nine of chapter fifty-two of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the democratic town committee of the town of Manchester elected in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-two in said town may add to its elected members; provided, however, that by so doing the total number of members shall not be made to exceed thirty-five.

Approved April 17, 1975.

Chap. 136. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF GREAT BARRINGTON TO TAKE OVER THE FIRE AND SIDEWALK DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Great Barrington Fire District is hereby authorized to sell and convey, for a nominal consideration, to the town of Great Barrington the following three parcels of land, bounded and described as follows: —

Parcel 1. A certain tract or parcel of land situated in Great Barrington, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a set stone which marks the southwesterly corner of land of the Great Barrington Fire District and southeasterly corner of the premises hereby conveyed, said stone being located in or near the north line of said Castle Street; thence westerly on said Castle Street 55.9 feet to an iron pipe which marks the southeasterly corner of land now or formerly of G. E. Nettleton; thence north by line parallel with the west line of the house located on the premises hereby conveyed and 2 feet distant therefrom and on the east line of said Nettleton 141.8 feet to an iron pipe standing in the south line of land now or formerly of the George A. Stevens Lumber Company; thence easterly on line of land now or formerly of said George A. Stevens Lumber Company and land formerly of Gimlich & White to the northwesterly corner of land of the Great Barrington Fire District; thence southerly in the west line of the said Great Barrington Fire District to the place of beginning.

Being all and the same premises conveyed to Irene Carson by deed from Emmitt P. Carson and Sophie Carson, dated April 1, 1947, and recorded in Southern Berkshire registry of deeds in Book 283, Page 364.

Parcel 2. A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Castle Street, in said Great Barrington, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin set in the ground

at the northeast corner of the premises hereby conveyed (it being supposed to be also the northwest corner of premises formerly owned by Maria O. Manning); thence south, thirty-five and one-half ($35\frac{1}{2}$) degrees west, eight (8) rods and five (5) links, to the northerly line of Castle Street; thence westerly, along the line of said Castle Street seventy-five (75) feet; thence northerly, in a line parallel with the easterly line, and seventy-five (75) feet distant therefrom, to land formerly of Silas Sprague, deceased; thence easterly, on said Sprague's southerly line seventy-five (75) feet, to the place of beginning.

Meaning and intending hereby to convey a portion of the same premises described in a certain deed from Richard H. Moore to Martha E. Norton, dated April 1, 1895, and recorded in the Southern Berkshire registry of deeds in Book 171, Page 444. The said premises are hereby conveyed subject to the reservation and agreement in relation to sewer, which are contained in said deed.

Parcel 3. A certain tract or parcel of land situated on the northerly side of Castle Street, in said Great Barrington, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of the tract hereby conveyed, it being also the northwest corner of other premises conveyed by Martha E. Norton, to said inhabitants of the Great Barrington Fire District; thence south, thirty-five and one-half ($35\frac{1}{2}$) degrees west, eight (8) rods and five (5) links, to the northerly line of Castle Street, thence westerly, along the line of said Castle Street, six (6) feet, thence northerly, in a line parallel with the easterly line of the tract hereby conveyed, and six (6) feet distant therefrom, to land formerly of Silas Sprague, deceased, thence easterly, on said Sprague's southerly line six (6) feet, to the place of beginning: being a portion of the premises described in a certain deed from Richard H. Moore to said Martha E. Norton, dated April 1, 1895, and recorded in the Southern Berkshire registry of deeds in Book 171, Page 444. The said premises are hereby conveyed subject to the reservation and agreement in relation to sewer, which are contained in said deed.

Said District is hereby further authorized to transfer its privileges and franchises so far as the same relates to its fire department and sidewalk department in said District, and said town is hereby authorized to take over the same together with all of the duties and obligations of said District.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act, insofar as the fire and sidewalk department shall not affect any act done, ratified or confirmed by said District, or any of their officers prior to the effective date of this act, nor any right accrued or established, nor any action, suit, or proceeding commenced or had in a civil case, any indebtedness incurred by said District, insofar as they concern the fire or sidewalk department, and outstanding at the time they are taken over by said town shall be assumed by said town.

SECTION 3. The selectmen of said town shall appoint a chief of the fire department who shall have all the powers and duties of a

chief of a fire department including the power of appointment and promotion of members of the said department, provided, however, the incumbent chief of the Great Barrington Fire District shall be chief of the fire department of the said town and shall retain all his rights presently enjoyed under the provisions of civil service.

SECTION 4. Said town shall allow said District the continued use of said District fire building presently being used by it for water department purposes and provided further that said District use shall be without cost to said District.

SECTION 5. Section four of chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-six is hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six if it has been accepted by the Great Barrington Fire District and the town of Great Barrington.

Approved April 17, 1975.

Chap. 137. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO EXPEND MONEY IN ANTICIPATION OF THE CELEBRATION OF THE TWO HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION PRIOR TO THE DELIVERY OF CERTAIN GOODS OR MATERIALS OR THE RENDERING OF SERVICES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 911 of the acts of 1971 is hereby amended by adding the following section: —

Section 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-six of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, money may be expended under this act before goods or materials are delivered or services rendered, provided that bills for the same are examined and approved by the town accountant as required by said section fifty-six.

Approved April 17, 1975.

Chap. 138. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR LICENSURE AS A PHYSICIAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence, as amended by sections 1 and 2 of chapter 723 of the acts of 1974, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — An applicant who has received from a medical school, legally chartered in a sovereign state other than the United States, the commonwealth of Puerto Rico or Canada, a degree of doctor of medicine or its equivalent shall be required to furnish to the board such documentary evi-