

Item	<u>Subtotal</u>	<u>Total</u>
32. For forest development .....	\$ 4,500	00
34. For conservation district .....	15,000	00
35. For county planning .....	42,198	60
39. For group insurance .....	480,000	00
45. For centralized purchasing department .....	186,290	45
Total amount of appropriations .....	\$12,883,272	13
Less estimated amount available for reduction of county tax .....	2,582,121	25

And the county commissioners of Essex county are hereby authorized to levy as the county tax of said county for the current year, in the manner provided by law, the sum of ..... \$10,301,150 88

The following sums are hereby appropriated for said fiscal year from federal revenue sharing funds, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of county funds and approval thereof.

Item

16. For jail and house of correction		
Lawrence		
1. Personal services .....	\$457,487	49
4. Current charges and obligations .....	2,081	60
5. Equipment .....	2,195	15
Salem		
1. Personal services .....	564,785	93
4. Current charges and obligations .....	2,274	40
5. Equipment .....	1,780	45
Total	\$1,030,605	02

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five. *Approved July 11, 1975.*

**Chap. 482. AN ACT PLACING THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF GEORGETOWN UNDER THE DIRECTION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF SAID TOWN.**

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

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the acceptance by the town of Georgetown of the provisions of section ninety-seven A of chapter forty-one of the General Laws is hereby rescinded. On and after the effective date of this act, the board of selectmen of said town is hereby authorized to establish a police department which shall be under the supervision of an officer to be known as the chief of police. Said board shall appoint a chief of police and such officers as they deem necessary, and fix their compensation, not exceeding, in the aggregate, the annual appropriation therefor. The appointments of the chief

and other officers shall be made for a term of years not to exceed three years. Said board may remove such chief and or officers during the term of the appointment for cause at any time after a hearing; provided, however, that said board, in deciding not to reappoint a chief and or other officers, may do so only after a public hearing. The chief of police shall from time to time make suitable regulations governing the police department, and other officers thereof, subject to the approval of said board; provided, that such regulations shall become effective without such approval upon the failure of said board to take action thereon within thirty days after they have been submitted to them by the chief of police. The chief of police shall be in immediate control of all town property used by the police department, and of the police officers, whom he shall assign to their respective duties and who shall obey his orders.

*Approved July 11, 1975.*

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**Chap. 483.** AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSING REVIEW BOARD IN THE CITY OF LOWELL.

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

SECTION 1. Declaration of Emergency. The general court finds and declares that a serious public emergency exists in the city of Lowell with respect to the housing of a substantial number of residents of said city, with emergency has been created by housing demolition, an expanding student population, a substantial elderly population, deterioration within the existing housing stock and the national and area economic conditions which have deterred new construction of housing accommodations and placed such new housing above the means of low and moderate income residents. The general court further finds that because of the substantial and increasing shortage of rental housing accommodations abnormally high rents have resulted, and, that unless residential rents become subject to review and control on a case-by-case basis, such emergency and the further inflationary pressures resulting therefrom will produce serious threats to the public health, safety and general welfare of the residents of Lowell; that such emergency should be met by the commonwealth immediately with due regard for the rights and responsibility of the city of Lowell.

SECTION 2. The city of Lowell is hereby authorized to establish a Housing Review Board to regulate individual cases affecting rental housing accommodations and to determine when rent charges appear in the judgment of said Board to be excessive and unreasonable.

SECTION 3. The Housing Review Board shall consist of seven members, who shall be residents of the city of Lowell, appointed by the city manager of said city and confirmed by the city council of said city, to serve without compensation for a term of one