

year after the date of termination of services to the child or his family, whichever date occurs last. *Approved August 15, 1975.*

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**Chap. 529.** AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE PLACEMENT OF NAMES OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE ON THE OFFICIAL BALLOTS USED IN MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE TOWN OF CHELMSFORD SHALL BE BY DRAWN LOTS.

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

Notwithstanding any general or special law or by-law to the contrary, in all municipal elections held in the town of Chelmsford, the names of all candidates shall appear on the official ballot in the order in which they are drawn by lot. Each such drawing shall be conducted by the registrars of voters. Each candidate or his duly authorized representative shall have an opportunity to be present at such drawing. After the name of each candidate for an office who is an elected incumbent thereof shall be added the words "Candidate for reelection".

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**Chap. 530.** AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX PRIOR TO ACTION ON THE GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL FOR SAID YEAR.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the provisions of chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-four, except items: —

1100-1200  
 1101-9002  
 1130-1000  
 1599-0058  
 2410-9051  
 2422-9022  
 2423-3004  
 2423-3005  
 2425-9015  
 2426-9012  
 2426-9013  
 2430-9003  
 2430-9004  
 2430-9005  
 2441-0090  
 2444-9002

2444-9052  
 2611-0200  
 2681-0102  
 2670-2464  
 2670-2465  
 2681-0501  
 2681-0801  
 4180-9044  
 5381-0001  
 6020-2503  
 6030-7293  
 7000-0813  
 7010-0016  
 7028-0304  
 7210-9706  
 7511-9001  
 8312-9004  
 8312-9005  
 8312-9006

as amended by chapter six hundred ninety-eight, except items 2611-9008 and 7010-0018, and chapter eight hundred and fifty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-four, and as further amended by chapters fifty-four and one hundred and twelve, except items: —

0411-8014  
 4313-0001  
 4315-0001  
 4316-0001  
 6020-2907  
 8312-0100

and one hundred and seventy-six, two hundred and sixty-one, and three hundred and twenty-seven, except items: —

0511-0000  
 1201-2630  
 1599-0061  
 1599-0062  
 1599-2031  
 2614-1100  
 4313-0001  
 4316-0001  
 4400-1009  
 4401-1011  
 4401-2001  
 4402-5013  
 4403-2003  
 4406-2003  
 4512-0105  
 6010-0002

6020-2909

8312-0100

9221-1000

of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five, making appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-five for the maintenance of departments, boards, commissions, institutions and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund, and serial bond requirements, and for certain permanent improvements are hereby incorporated herein by reference, and the amounts specified therein shall be made available for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six and shall be effective on the passage of this act; provided, that expenditures thereunder shall be limited to the amounts made available by allotment by the governor upon recommendation of the commissioner of administration; and, provided further, that said commissioner is hereby directed to limit the amounts so allotted to those appropriation accounts essential for the maintenance of services during the months of July, August, September and October.

The commissioner of administration is hereby further directed to limit the total amount allotted to executive and administrative offices, departments and undertakings, boards or commissions subject to section nine B of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws to an amount not to exceed ninety per cent of seventeen-fifty-seconds of the sums appropriated, including the amounts made available by transfer from the salary and fuel reserves, in the acts referred to above; provided, however, to meet critical needs resulting from said limitations, the allotment may, in the discretion of the commissioner of administration, be increased not to exceed the remaining ten per cent to meet such need, provided that the existence of such critical need has been certified by the appropriate secretary and the commissioner of administration, and that the existence of the said need shall have been verified by the house and senate committees on ways and means; and, provided further, that the total amount made available in any subsidiary account shall be no greater than the amounts authorized by the chapters referred to in this section except that in any subsidiary account not receiving an appropriation in the acts referred to above an amount may be made available by transfer, provided said amount is certified and verified by the commissioner of administration and the house and senate committees on ways and means.

Any officer or employee of the commonwealth or the members of any departments, board, commission, institution, or agency making an expenditure which exceeds an appropriation or an allotment made pursuant to this act, or who makes available by allotment amounts in excess of those authorized for any department, board, commission, institution or agency shall be deemed guilty of neglect and subject to a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or removal from office.

For the purposes of this act, allocations made from the following accounts during the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-five are hereby made available for expenditure by the University of Lowell:

- 7102-0001 — Educational Reference Material
- 7102-9604 — Disadvantaged Student Program
- 7105-0001 — Data Processing System

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provisions of the law to the contrary no increase in the budgetary standard allowance due to a cost-of-living adjustment so called shall be granted or paid during the months of July, August, September and October in any of the following items: —

- 4110-1010
- 4170-0400
- 4170-0500
- 4403-2000
- 4405-2000
- 4406-2000
- 4407-2000

SECTION 3. The following items of section two of chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-four are exempt from the provisions of the allotment restrictions in section one: —

- 0640-0000
- 1120-2000
- 1599-3100
- 2520-0300
- 2520-0900
- 2520-1000
- 2520-1100
- 2520-1200
- 2520-1300
- 2520-1400
- 2520-1500
- 4403-2010
- 4403-2020
- 4403-2030
- 4403-2040
- 4403-2050
- 4403-2060
- 4403-2070
- 4403-2080
- 4403-2081
- 4403-2082
- 4403-2083
- 4403-2084
- 4403-2085

SECTION 4. Funds shall be allotted to provide for salary requirements of all permanent employees. All positions vacant or

which become vacant, other than positions essential for the care of patients, on or after June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, shall remain vacant during the months of July, August, September and October, provided that vacancies for which there exists a critical need may be filled upon certification of the critical need by the commissioner of administration and a verification of said critical need by the house and senate committees on ways and means. No funds shall be allotted for overtime compensation unless it is essential to the safety and care of persons under the care and jurisdiction of the commonwealth.

The commissioner of administration is hereby directed to present to the general court, on or before October first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, a list indicating the number of state employees, their salaries, and their status as permanent or temporary, and full-time or part-time.

SECTION 5. For the purposes of making available for expenditure in the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six certain balances of appropriations which would otherwise revert on June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the unexpended balances of the following items are hereby appropriated for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six: —

0810-0014  
 1100-2401  
 1599-2012  
 2200-1000  
 2600-1491  
 2600-1492  
 6005-0010  
 6030-7605  
 7010-0012  
 8200-0100

SECTION 6. Where any item of appropriation in the chapters referred to in section one of this act includes the words "prior appropriation continued", the amount of the said prior appropriation continued to fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-five is incorporated herein by reference, in accordance with the provisions of said section one; provided, however, that said prior appropriation or any unencumbered balance thereof shall not be available for expenditure until allotted.

SECTION 7. From the unexpended balance remaining in item 4403-2000 of section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the sum of five million dollars is hereby transferred and made available for expenditure in item 4401-1000 of said section two of said chapter three hundred and twenty-seven; and provided further, that all rate changes for services provided in a prior year but finally determined during the current fiscal year may be paid from this account, subject to the approval of the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 8. From the unexpended balance remaining in item 4403-2000 of section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five, the sum of one hundred and sixty-three thousand dollars is hereby transferred and made available for expenditure in item 4202-0021 of said section two of said chapter three hundred and twenty-seven; and, provided further, that all rate changes for services provided in a prior year but finally determined during the current fiscal year may be paid from this account, subject to the approval of the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 9. Item 4402-5000 of section two of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the wording: — and, provided further, that all rate changes for services provided in a prior year but finally determined during the current fiscal year may be paid from this account, subject to the approval of the house and senate committees on ways and means.

SECTION 10. Section 6 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 4 of chapter 844 of the acts of 1974, is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

All information required under this section to be filed with or as part of the budget by the governor, and which is not contained within the budget as filed or within accompanying documents filed at the same time, shall be filed by the governor within the following sixty days and shall be accompanied by a detailed statement explaining the failure to provide the material at the time the budget was submitted.

SECTION 11. This act, except section ten, shall cease to be operative upon enactment into law of the general appropriation bill for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-six, or on October thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five, whichever is the earlier, and all action taken under this act shall apply against said appropriation act.

SECTION 12. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved August 20, 1975.*

**Chap. 531. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING CERTAIN FINANCIAL AND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO RESIDENTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH ELIGIBLE THEREFOR.**

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 117 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as amended by chapter 569 of the acts of 1972, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The commonwealth, acting by and through the department of public welfare, shall provide assistance to residents of the