

Chap. 190. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE PERIOD DURING WHICH A PERSON MAY BECOME REGISTERED TO VOTE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 26 of chapter 51 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 853 of the acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by striking out the third sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— If any person applies for registration during a period prior to a regular or special preliminary, primary or election when registration to qualify as a voter in such preliminary, primary or election is prohibited by the provisions of this section, such person, if otherwise qualified, shall be registered and his name shall be placed on the voting lists as a registered voter for all later preliminaries, primaries or elections.

Approved May 6, 1974.

Chap. 191. AN ACT PROVIDING CERTAIN COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND CERTAIN DISTRICTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide forthwith for the payment to certain employees of cities, towns and districts out of surplus revenue accounts certain sums earned by them during the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one which were not paid due to the wage freeze imposed by executive order, 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:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the treasurer of each city, town, district and regional school district shall pay to its employees the respective amounts of salaries, wages, or other compensation which may be due to them for services rendered during the period beginning August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and seventy-one and ending December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-one, which amounts were not paid as a result of the provisions of the "Economic Stabilization Act of 1970" (P.L. 91-379), as amended, and subsequent executive orders issued pursuant thereto and which are payable or which may become payable as a result of subsequent amendments to said "Economic Stabilization Act of 1970", as amended, and executive orders issued pursuant to said amendments.

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, payments made pursuant to section one of this act shall be made from the surplus revenue account of the city, town, district or regional school district and said payments shall be shown on a special payroll.

If the balance in the surplus revenue account of the city, town or

district, other than a regional school district, at the close of the nineteen hundred and seventy-four financial year is not sufficient for the purposes of this section any additional amount required therefor shall be paid by the treasurer of the city, town, or district, other than a regional school district, and such additional amount shall be reported by the auditor or accountant or other officer having similar duties, or by the treasurer if there be no such officer, to the assessors who shall include the amount so reported in the aggregate appropriations assessed in the determination of the next annual tax rate.

If the balance in the surplus revenue account of a regional school district at the close of the nineteen hundred and seventy-four financial year is not sufficient for the purposes of this section any additional amount therefor shall be paid from any funds appropriated in the school district budget for the fiscal year commencing on July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved May 8, 1974.

Chap. 192. AN ACT FURTHER PROHIBITING WAIVERS OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS IN LEASES AND RENTAL AGREEMENTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to prohibit waivers of certain provisions in leases and rental agreements commencing July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four, 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:

SECTION 1. Section 14 of chapter 186 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 778 of the acts of 1973, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence:— Any waiver of this provision in any lease or other rental agreement, except with respect to any restriction on the provision of a service specified in this section imposed by the United States or any agency thereof or the commonwealth or any agency or political subdivision thereof and not resulting from the acts or omissions of the landlord or lessor, and except for interruptions of any specified service during the time required to perform necessary repairs to apparatus necessary for the delivery of said service or interruptions resulting from natural causes beyond the control of the lessor or landlord, shall be void and unenforceable.

SECTION 2. Section 15D of said chapter 186, inserted by chapter 658 of the acts of 1971, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— Any waiver of this provision in any lease or other rental agreement shall be void and unenforceable.

SECTION 3. Section 15E of said chapter 186, inserted by chapter 157 of the acts of 1972, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— Any waiver of this provision in any lease or other rental agreement shall be void and unenforceable.