

Any employee of such company as provided in section eleven D may, at any reasonable time, enter the common hallways of such building to post or deliver said notice. Any person who removes, interferes, or tampers with such notice of the provisions thereof shall be punished by a fine not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

At any time after the date such notice is given any occupant or occupants of the dwelling units within such building may pay such company the amount due or such portion thereof as is mutually agreed upon by the occupants and the company, provided that where no such agreement is reached, the department shall make a final determination of the amount of said portion, in order to avoid cessation of service. If such final determination by the department is not made prior to the date on which service otherwise would have been terminated, such service shall be continued for a period not to exceed fifteen days, during which time the department shall render said final determination. If such amount is received after service has been shut off, service shall be restored by the company as soon as practicable. Any such occupant who has paid all or any portion of said amount may subsequently recover the amount paid to the company, either by deducting said amount from any rent or payment on account of taxes or operating expenses then or thereafter due from such occupant to the person to whom he would otherwise pay his rent, or by obtaining reimbursement from the person to whom he last paid rent. The company shall, upon receiving any such payment, notify the person liable for service as stated in said notice of the amount or amounts paid by any occupant pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Any waiver of the provisions of this section in any lease or rental agreement shall be void and unenforceable. The provisions of section eighteen of chapter one hundred and eighty-six and section two A of chapter two hundred and thirty-nine shall apply to any reprisal against any occupant for exercising his rights pursuant to this section.

Any water company wilfully violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars for each such violation.

The department shall establish from time to time such reasonable rules and regulations consistent with this section as may be necessary for its implementation.

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**Chap. 271.** AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE CHANGE OF ADDRESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF A PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION.

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

Chapter 156A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 6, as amended by chapter 459 of the acts of 1964, and

inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 6.* A professional corporation may at any time, and from time to time, change the principal office of the corporation in the commonwealth, provided that no such change shall be effective until a certificate of such change, specifying the post-office address of its new principal office in the commonwealth, signed under the penalties of perjury by the clerk or an assistant clerk of the corporation, has been filed with the state secretary.

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**Chap. 272.** AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS IN CERTAIN TOWNS.

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

**SECTION 1.** The first sentence of section 12 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 266 of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "precinct", in line 3, the words:— , except as provided in section twenty-four.

**SECTION 2.** Section 24 of said chapter 54 is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence, as amended by section 9 of chapter 735 of the acts of 1972, the following two sentences:— If, in a town of five precincts or less, all of which are located in one building, the selectmen so vote, only one warden need be appointed to supervise all such precincts, and the number of inspectors shall be determined by the selectmen, without disturbing the balance between the political parties. There shall, however, be one clerk appointed for each such precinct.

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**Chap. 273.** AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRISTOL COUNTY MAY BORROW FOR PURPOSES OF RENOVATING AND EQUIPPING THE SECOND DISTRICT COURT OF BRISTOL.

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

**SECTION 1.** Section 1 of chapter 683 of the acts of 1972 is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence, as amended by chapter 291 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The county commissioners of Bristol county are hereby authorized to cause plans and specifications to be prepared for the alteration, addition, expansion, renovation and equipping of the second district court of Bristol, and to acquire by eminent domain or by purchase or otherwise of such land and buildings that may be necessary for the purposes of this act, including a sufficient area for