

**Chap. 565.** AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PAYMENT OF ALIMONY AND THE ASSIGNMENT OF PROPERTY IN LIBELS FOR DIVORCE.

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

Chapter 208 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 34, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 34.* Upon a divorce or upon petition at any time after a divorce, the court may order either of the parties to pay alimony to the other. In addition to or in lieu of an order to pay alimony, the court may assign to either the husband or wife all or any part of the estate of the other. In determining the amount of alimony, if any, to be paid, or in fixing the nature and value of the property, if any, to be so assigned, the court, after hearing the witnesses, if any, of each party, shall consider the length of the marriage, the conduct of the parties during the marriage, the age, health, station, occupation, amount and sources of income, vocational skills, employability, estate, liabilities and needs of each of the parties and the opportunity of each for future acquisition of capital assets and income. The court may also consider the contribution of each of the parties in the acquisition, preservation or appreciation in value of their respective estates.

*Approved July 19, 1974.*

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**Chap. 566.** AN ACT REVOKING THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FOR LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE FOR RETIRED TEACHERS.

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

Notwithstanding the acceptance of section eleven E of chapter thirty-two B of the General Laws by the board of selectmen in the town of Plymouth, the provisions of said section shall not be applicable to said town.

*Approved July 19, 1974.*

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**Chap. 567.** AN ACT DIRECTING THE ESSEX COUNTY RETIREMENT BOARD TO CREDIT CHESTER L. BOYD WITH A CERTAIN PERIOD OF EMPLOYMENT AS FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT FOR PENSION PURPOSES.

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

The Essex county retirement board shall credit to Chester L. Boyd of the town of Essex, as full-time creditable service for retirement purposes, the period from March, nineteen hundred and twenty-eight to July first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven. Said retirement