

is made at the last and usual place of abode, the officer making service shall forthwith mail first class a copy of the summons to such last and usual place of abode. The date of mailing and the address to which the summons was sent shall be set forth as required by section thirty-five in the officer's return.

*Approved August 7, 1974.*

**Chap. 749.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO ENCLOSE WITH A PIPE CULVERT A BROOK IN THE CITY OF MARLBOROUGH.

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

The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to enclose with a pipe culvert an open brook one hundred and sixty feet long flowing on the property of said commission and through property of John D. Costedio and Joanne E. Costedio located at 69 Maple Street in the city of Marlborough.

*Approved August 7, 1974.*

**Chap. 750.** AN ACT FURTHER INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF EXEMPTION TO WHICH OWNERS OF ESTATES OF HOMESTEAD ARE ENTITLED.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 188 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty", inserted by section 1 of chapter 487 of the acts of 1973, and inserting in place thereof the words:— twenty-four.

SECTION 2. Section 9 of said chapter 188 is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty", inserted by section 2 of said chapter 487, and inserting in place thereof the word:— twenty-four.

SECTION 3. Section 21 of chapter 209 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "twenty", inserted by section 3 of said chapter 487, and inserting in place thereof the word:— twenty-four.

SECTION 4. Chapter 236 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 18, as most recently amended by section 4 of said chapter 487, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

*Section 18.* If a judgment creditor requires an execution to be levied on property which is claimed by the debtor to be as a homestead exempt from such levy and if the officer holding such execution is of the opinion that the premises are of greater value than twenty-four thousand dollars, appraisers shall be appointed to appraise the property in the manner provided by section six. If, in the judgment of the appraisers, the premises are of greater value than twenty-four thousand dollars, they shall set off to the judgment debtor so much of the