

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

premises including the dwelling house, in whole or in part, as shall appear to them to be of the value of twenty-four thousand dollars; and the residue of the property shall be levied upon and disposed of in like manner as land not exempt from levy on execution; and if the property levied on is subject to a mortgage, it may be set off or sold subject to the mortgage and to the estate of homestead, in like manner as land subject to a mortgage only.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-five.

*Approved August 7, 1974.*

**Chap. 751. AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE FOR THE CARE, MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.**

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Middlesex county are hereby authorized to expend for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and seventy-five the sums set forth in this act for the care, maintenance and repair of the county hospital and to assess the same in the manner set forth in section eighty-five of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY.

Item

1. For personal services	\$3,605,571 65
2. For contractual services	545,700 00
3. For supplies and materials	546,075 00
4. For current charges and obligations	325,959 02
5. For equipment	178,750 00
8. For debt and interest	100,000 00
10. For unpaid bills of previous years	95 25
11. For reserve fund	75,000 00
11a. For reserve for salary increases	350,000 00
12. For group insurance	172,400 00
For total expenditures	<u>\$5,899,550 92</u>

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.

*Approved August 7, 1974.*