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equipped with internal components which register votes electronically.

SECTION 2. Section 33E of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the last paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:–

If the system used requires the employment of a punch card or data processing card, each voter shall be supplied with an envelope for such card or an equivalent means for preserving the secrecy of the ballot, approved by the state secretary under the provisions of section thirty-two. If a voter wishes to vote for a candidate whose name is not printed upon the official ballot for an office, he may write in the name and address of the candidate of his choice or may affix a sticker or paster containing such name and address inside said envelope or in another approved place. After voting, the voter shall remove his card from the marking unit, shall enclose it at once in any envelope required, and shall insert the card, in any required envelope, in the ballot box. So far as practical, the same proceedings shall be had in each polling place as are required by sections seventy-six to eighty-five A, inclusive.

SECTION 3. The second paragraph of section 35B of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the second sentence the following sentence:– Such results and votes may be read by means of a printer mechanism, if the voting machine is so equipped, and such results may be accumulated through the use of memory cartridges which are read directly or indirectly to a central computer.

SECTION 4. Section 105A of said chapter 54, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:–

Notwithstanding other provisions of this section to the contrary, if the approved electronic voting system is equipped to count votes electronically while the polls are open, the election officers shall read the vote totals from the counting device after the polls close, by means of a printer mechanism or otherwise and any person who in any manner ascertains or discloses the count of such votes before the polls close shall be punished as provided in section sixty-eight.

Approved November 26, 1985.

Chapter 538. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO THE TOWN OF WESTPORT FOR CERTAIN BENEFITS PAID BY SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

There shall be allowed and paid out of the state treasury to the town of Westport, subject to appropriation and subject to the approval of the commissioner of veterans' services, a sum, not exceeding fifty-two

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thousand three hundred thirty dollars and sixty-nine cents, as reimbursement, under the provisions of section six of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, for veterans' benefits paid by said town in the years nineteen hundred and eighty through nineteen hundred and eighty-two. Said reimbursement not having been made because of a failure of said town to make a proper and seasonable report thereof to said commissioner. As a condition of payment, said commissioner shall require the town to present evidence that said sum was paid in compliance with section five of said chapter one hundred and fifteen.

Approved November 26, 1985.

Chapter 539. AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE DISPLAY OF COLORED LIGHTS ON CERTAIN MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 1984 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— A vehicle owned or operated by a forest warden, deputy forest warden, a chief or deputy chief of a municipal fire department, a chaplain of a municipal fire department, a member of a fire department of a town or a call member of a fire department or a member or a call member of an emergency medical service may have mounted thereon flashing, rotating or oscillating red lights.

SECTION 2. The third paragraph of said section 7E of said chapter 90, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:— In the event that the operator is not the registered owner of the vehicle, no permit shall be issued until said owner forwards to the registrar a written statement certifying that he has knowledge that such red light will be mounted and displayed on said vehicle.

Approved November 26, 1985.

Chapter 540. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN LAND IN THE CITIES OF LEOMINSTER AND FITCHBURG FOR HIGHWAY PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The deputy commissioner of capital planning and operations, acting for and in behalf of the commonwealth, is hereby authorized to acquire by eminent domain, by purchase or otherwise, under the provisions of section one of chapter six hundred and ninety-three of the acts of