

taxes and assessments, rates and charges, so far as such amounts are fixed and ascertained, and if the same are not then ascertainable, it shall so be expressed in the certificate. Any town officer or board doing any act toward establishing any such tax, assessment, lien or charge upon any real estate in the town shall transmit a notice of such act to the collector of taxes. Such collector of taxes shall charge three dollars for each certificate so issued, and the money so received shall be paid into the town treasury. A certificate issued on or after October first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, under this section may be filed for record or registration, as the case may be, within thirty days after its date, and if so filed shall operate to discharge the parcel of real estate specified from the liens for all taxes, assessments or portions thereof, rates and charges which do not appear by said certificate to constitute liens thereon, except the taxes, assessments or portions thereof, rates and charges which have accrued within the three years immediately preceding the date of the certificate, the taxes, assessments or portions thereof, rates and charges which are included in a tax title account, and the taxes, assessments or portions thereof, rates and charges concerning which a statement has been filed for record or registration under section thirty-seven A or any other provision of law; but a certificate issued under this section shall not affect the obligation of any person liable for the payment of any tax, assessment, rate or charge. The register of deeds as such or as assistant recorder of the land court shall receive and record or register such certificate upon the payment of a fee of one dollar.

*Approved August 15, 1958.*

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CHAP. 538. AN ACT TO PROVIDE TENURE FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS IN THE EMPLOY OF THE COMMONWEALTH AFTER THREE YEARS' SERVICE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 9C, inserted by section 1 of chapter 537 of the acts of 1956, the following section: — *Section 9D.* No person permanently employed as a teacher in any institution under the department of mental health, public health, public welfare, or correction, or in any institution under the jurisdiction of the division of youth service, who is not classified under chapter thirty-one, shall, after having served as such teacher for a period of three years in such institution, be discharged, removed, suspended, laid off, transferred without his consent, lowered in rank or compensation, nor shall his office or position be abolished, except for just cause and in the manner provided by sections forty-three and forty-five of said chapter thirty-one.

SECTION 2. Chapter 74 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 42B the following section: — *Section 42C.* A professor or teacher in the Bradford Durfee College of Technology or the New Bedford Institute of Technology, who is not employed in a position classified under chapter thirty-one, and who has served as such for three consecutive years, shall not be dismissed from such employment except for just cause, and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the trustees of the college or institute in which he is employed. Before any such removal is effected, the professor or teacher, upon his

written request made within ten days of receipt by him of the required written notice, shall be given a full hearing before the trustees of the college or institute in which he is employed, of which hearing he shall have at least thirty days' written notice from the trustees, and he shall be allowed to answer the charges preferred against him either personally or by counsel.

SECTION 3. Section 12 of chapter 75A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "commonwealth" in line 5, as appearing in section 3 of chapter 407 of the acts of 1953, the words: —; provided, that a professor, tutor, instructor or teacher, who is not employed in a position classified under chapter thirty-one, and who has served as such for three consecutive school years, shall not be dismissed from such employment except for just cause, and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the trustees. Before any such removal is effected, the professor, tutor, instructor or teacher, upon his written request made within ten days of the receipt by him of the required written notice, shall be given a full hearing before the trustees, of which hearing he shall have at least thirty days' written notice from the trustees, and he shall be allowed to answer charges preferred against him either personally or by counsel.

*Approved August 15, 1958.*

CHAP. 539. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE REGISTER OF PROBATE OF MIDDLESEX COUNTY TO DESIGNATE TWO EMPLOYEES AS DEPUTY ASSISTANT REGISTERS.

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

Section 29 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — Said register may, with the approval of the judges, designate two employees as deputy assistant registers with the same powers as assistant registers and may revoke any such designation at pleasure.

*Approved August 15, 1958.*

CHAP. 540. AN ACT REVISING THE LAWS RELATIVE TO FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

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

SECTION 1. The General Laws are hereby amended by striking out chapter 176 and inserting in place thereof the following chapter: —

#### CHAPTER 176.

##### FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETIES.

Section 1. Any incorporated society, order or supreme lodge, without capital stock, conducted solely for the benefit of its members and their beneficiaries, and not for profit, operated on a lodge system with ritualistic form of work, having a representative form of government, and which makes provision for the payment of benefits in accordance with this chapter, is hereby declared to be a fraternal benefit society.

When used in this chapter the following words shall have the following meanings, unless otherwise indicated: —