

purpose of promoting the public good, and in consideration of long and meritorious service of any official or employee who has been retired or pensioned under the provisions of any non-contributory retirement law or who was entitled to be retired under the provisions of any such law but who died before being retired under which such official or employee had no rights under the provisions of law relative to said retirement allowance or pension to elect that benefits be paid to a survivor, a city or town may grant an annuity to his surviving spouse, so long as such spouse survives and does not remarry, or, if there is no surviving spouse, to a legal guardian for the benefit of any surviving child who is unmarried and under age eighteen, in such amount as it may determine, but not to exceed one half of the regular annual compensation received by such official or employee or two thousand dollars, whichever is less; provided, that such official or employee had been permanently employed on a full-time basis by such city or town for not less than fifteen years; and provided, further, that such spouse or child is not receiving a retirement allowance or pension under the provisions of any general or special law.

SECTION 2. Section 97 of said chapter 32, inserted by chapter 387 of the acts of 1953, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "ninety-five", in line 2, the words: — , ninety-five A.

SECTION 3. The provisions of section ninety-five A of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, shall apply to the spouse or child of any official or employee of a city or town whether or not such official or employee died prior to the effective date of this act.

*Approved August 29, 1958.*

CHAP. 560. AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION TO IMPROVE DRAINAGE AND RELIEVE FLOOD CONDITIONS IN FURNACE BROOK AND BLACK'S CREEK IN THE CITY OF QUINCY.

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

SECTION 1. The metropolitan district commission is hereby authorized and directed to construct and maintain such works as may be deemed necessary to improve drainage and relieve flood conditions in Furnace Brook and Black's Creek in the city of Quincy, and to expend for such purposes such sums, not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars, as may be appropriated therefor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved August 29, 1958.*

CHAP. 561. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE STATE TREASURER TO ISSUE A NEW CHECK TO THE ESTATE OF JOHN J. MAHONEY.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section thirty-two of chapter twenty-nine of the General Laws, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to issue a new check in lieu of a check dated June first, nineteen hundred and fifty, payable to the estate of John J. Mahoney, late of Boston, in the amount of fifty-six dollars and ninety cents.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved August 29, 1958.*