

**Chap. 280.** AN ACT INCREASING THE NUMBER OF TRUSTEES OF THE SPRINGFIELD MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 455 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:—*Section 2.* Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law, the construction and operation of said hospital shall be vested in a board of twelve trustees. One of said trustees shall be the commissioner of public health in said city by virtue of his office. Six members of the board of trustees, other than the said commissioner, shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, and shall be practicing physicians and surgeons in said city, but not more than two trustees shall be members of the staff of any one general hospital in said city. The remaining five trustees shall be laymen and shall be appointed by the mayor, subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen. Upon the expiration of the term of any trustee, his successor shall be appointed for a term of six years. Any vacancy in the board of trustees shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment was made. The board shall elect annually one of its members to serve as chairman, and the members of the board shall receive no compensation as such.

SECTION 2. Any person serving as a member of the board of trustees of the Springfield Municipal Hospital on the effective date of this act shall continue to serve until the expiration of the term for which he was appointed. The initial appointments of the five additional members of said board, authorized under section two of said chapter four hundred and fifty-five, as amended by section one of this act, shall be as follows: one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, one for a term of five years and one for a term of six years from the date of the organization of the city government in the year following his appointment. Upon the expiration of the term of any member of said board of trustees, his successor shall be appointed in the manner and for the term provided in said section two.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 6, 1959.*

**Chap. 281.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL AID FOR CERTAIN SEWERAGE WORKS WITHIN THE SOUTH METROPOLITAN DISTRICT, AND FURTHER PROVIDING FOR ASSESSMENTS TO BE PAID BY THE TOWN OF WESTWOOD.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of further carrying out the construction authorized by chapter three hundred and eighty of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-five, as amended by section one of chapter seven hundred and sixty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, the metropolitan district commission is authorized to apply for and accept any federal funds as a grant or reimbursement avail-