

two of the General Laws, and shall constitute public employment within the meaning of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws if applicable now or hereafter in the town of West Brookfield to said employees.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by vote of the inhabitants of the town of West Brookfield at a town meeting, but not otherwise. *Approved September 14, 1959.*

Chap. 583. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN JUSTICES SITTING IN DISTRICT COURTS OTHER THAN THEIR OWN SHALL BE PAID AT THE RATE BY THE DAY OF THE JUSTICES OF SAID COURT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 78 of chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end the following paragraph:—

Any such justice who shall sit in another district court shall be paid by the town in which he sits at the rate by the day of the salary of the justice of said court, but in no event an amount less than the rate by the day of his own court. For each day's service so paid, there shall be deducted by the county treasurer of the county in which his own court is situated one day's compensation at the rate by the day of his own salary as justice. *Approved September 14, 1959.*

Chap. 584. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LIABILITY OF CITIES AND TOWNS FOR HOSPITAL CARE OF NEEDY PERSONS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 117 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 24, as most recently amended by chapter 481 of the acts of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:—

Section 24. Every town shall be liable for any expense necessarily incurred under this chapter for the relief of a person in need of public assistance therein by any person not liable by law for his support, after notice and request made in writing to one or more of the members of the board of public welfare thereof, and until provision is made by them; provided, however, that no town shall be liable under this section for any expense for hospital care.

Section 24A. If hospital care is furnished to a person in need of public assistance by any person not liable by law for his support, the town wherein he resides at the time his hospitalization begins or, if at such time he does not reside in the commonwealth, the town where such care is furnished, shall be liable for the expense of such care necessarily incurred under this chapter after notice and request made in writing to one or more members of the board of public welfare thereof, and until provision is made by them; but no town shall be liable under this section in a sum exceeding the maximum amount which would be allowable to a town under section twenty of chapter one hundred and twenty-two as reimbursement from the commonwealth for like hospital care. The word "resides", as used in this