

in effect at the time of the posting of the warrant for the annual town meeting of the town of Hudson held on May twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seventy-nine.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 5, 1979.

Chap. 371. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF WATER AND SEWER WORKS IN THE TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 7 of chapter 690 of the acts of 1972 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words "if provided for as above" and inserting in place thereof the words:- except as hereinafter limited as to appointment, salary and compensation of the superintendent of water works and other employees.

SECTION 2. Section 8 of said chapter 690 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "a" and inserting in place thereof the words:- , after consultation with the board of selectmen and the finance committee, a.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 690 is hereby further amended by striking out section 9 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 9. Said commissioners may appoint, after consultation with the board of selectmen and the finance committee, such other personnel as are deemed necessary for the proper operation of the water system and water department of said town.

SECTION 4. Said chapter 690 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 11 the following section:-

Section 11A. The board of water commissioners authorized by section six shall also act as the board of sewer commissioners, as provided in chapter eighty-three of the General Laws, and shall have all the powers of and be subject to the duties of sewer commissioners enumerated therein or elsewhere, except as hereinafter limited as to appointment, salary and compensation of the superintendent and other employees.

Said commissioners may appoint, after consultation with the board of selectmen and the finance committee, a superintendent of sewage works whose duties shall be, under the general direction of said commissioners, to maintain and repair sewers and other works for the treatment, purification and disposal of sewage, and other structures, and to do all things necessary for the proper operation of the sewage works, including the employment of labor, and to do such other things as said commissioners may direct.

Said commissioners may appoint, after consultation with the board of selectmen and the finance committee, such other personnel as are deemed necessary for the proper operation of the sewage system and the sewage department of said town.

The board of selectmen shall fix, after consultation with said

commissioners and the finance committee, the salary or compensation of all officers or employees appointed or employed by the commissioners.

The board of water commissioners shall be known as the board of water and sewer commissioners, and the department shall be known as the department of water and sewer works.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved July 5, 1979.

Chap. 372. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL
INSURANCE GUARANTY FUND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 178 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 18, as amended by section 1 of chapter 210 of the acts of 1943, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 18. Every savings and insurance bank shall, on the third Wednesday of each month, pay to the General Insurance Guaranty Fund an amount equal to four per cent of all amounts paid to it as premiums on policies or in the purchase of annuities during the preceding month. Said sums shall be held as a guaranty for all obligations on policies or annuity contracts of the insurance departments of all savings and insurance banks; and said sums shall be applied to prevent or to make good an impairment of the insurance reserve of any bank. The trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund may also borrow money to effect the purposes of this section and any notes or other indebtedness of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund not in default shall be legal investments for the life insurance departments of the savings and insurance banks and may be carried as admitted assets.

Whenever it shall appear to the commissioner of savings bank life insurance that the insurance reserve of any such bank has been impaired or may be threatened, he shall notify the trustees of the General Insurance Guaranty Fund, who may:

- (a) examine the insurance department of such bank;
- (b) make recommendations to correct unsound or unsafe practices in the insurance department of such bank;
- (c) advance to such bank from the fund amounts, to be applied in the payment of losses or satisfaction of other obligations on said policies or annuity contracts, necessary to prevent or make good an impairment of its insurance reserve; provided, that any amount so paid to any bank may be charged to its account, and be repaid out of the surplus funds of its insurance department, at such times and in such amounts and with such interest, as the General Insurance Guaranty Fund shall direct; and provided, further, that the amounts so advanced by the General Insurance Guaranty Fund to any bank shall be repaid only as above provided, and shall not be deemed a liability in determining the solvency of its insurance department;
- (d) make loans, secured or unsecured, to such bank from the fund on such terms and conditions as the trustees may determine;