

or in part, of the provisions of chapter five hundred and twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and two.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on July first in the current year.

*Approved February 4, 1957.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GIVING OF NOTICES OF DECREES AND ORDERS OF PROBATE COURTS IN CERTAIN CASES. Chap. 32

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

Chapter 215 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 36, as amended by chapter 187 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 36.* Decrees and orders of probate courts shall be in writing and in contested cases or in cases wherein the court has reserved judgment notices thereof shall be given by the registers to the attorneys of record, and in the absence of an attorney of record, to any party who has appeared personally and given his address. The registers shall record in books kept therefor such decrees, orders and other proceedings in said courts and such instruments, as shall be determined by rules made from time to time under section thirty.

*Approved February 4, 1957.*

AN ACT PLACING THE POSITIONS OF PATROLMAN, SERGEANT AND LIEUTENANT IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF DRACUT UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 33

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

SECTION 1. The positions of patrolman, in all cases where the incumbent serves full time, sergeant and lieutenant of the police department of the town of Dracut shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws. The incumbent of each of said positions on said effective date shall be subjected by the division of civil service to a qualifying examination, and if he passes said examination he shall be certified for said office and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at a town meeting in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: — “Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled ‘An Act placing the positions of patrolman, sergeant and lieutenant in the police department of the town of Dracut under the civil service laws’, be accepted?” If the majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

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