

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AS AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH AND PROVIDING FOR THE PROPER OBSERVANCE THEREOF. *Chap. 44*

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

Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15B, inserted by chapter 106 of the acts of 1956, the following section:— *Section 15C.* The governor shall annually issue a proclamation setting apart the month of February as American History Month and recommending that it be observed by the people with appropriate historical exercises in the public schools and elsewhere so that they may be annually reminded of the unselfish and devoted service and heroic sacrifices of those who contributed so much to the glorious history of the commonwealth and the nation. *Approved February 6, 1957.*

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT ORIGINAL TALLY SHEETS BE TRANSMITTED TO THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS AT RECOUNTS. *Chap. 45*

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

The second paragraph of section 135 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as appearing in chapter 315 of the acts of 1945, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "voters", in line 17, the words:—, together with the original tally sheets, — so as to read as follows:—

Such petition shall contain a statement, sworn to by one of the subscribers, that they have reason to believe and do believe that the records, or copies of records, made by the election officers of such ward or town, or of such precinct in a town having more than twenty-five hundred voters and voting by precincts, are erroneous, specifying wherein they deem such records or copies thereof to be in error, or that challenged votes were cast by persons not entitled to vote therein, and that they believe a recount of the ballots cast in such wards, precincts or town will affect the nomination or election of one or more candidates voted for at such primary, preliminary election or election, specifying the candidate or candidates, or will affect the decision of a question voted upon at such election, specifying the question, the city or town clerk shall forthwith transmit such petition and statement, and the envelopes or containers containing the ballots cast, sealed, to the registrars of voters, together with the original tally sheets. *Approved February 6, 1957.*

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AN ACT MAKING A CORRECTIVE CHANGE IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE MANNER OF PLACING POSITIONS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE. *Chap. 46*

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

Section 15 of chapter 31 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing