

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance during the current year by the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter.

Approved July 17, 1957.

AN ACT TO INDEMNIFY THE FORMER DIRECTOR OF ACCOUNTS *Chap.547*
FOR LOSS OF COMPENSATION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. In order to promote the public service, there is hereby authorized to be paid to Francis X. Lang from the treasury of the commonwealth from any appropriation available for the purpose, the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars representing loss of compensation to the former director of accounts, on account of his reduction in compensation in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-three and ensuing years in violation of his rights to said compensation under section four of chapter fourteen of the General Laws and chapter six hundred and fifty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-three.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NEW MARLBOROUGH TO *Chap.548*
APPROPRIATE ALL OR ANY PART OF THE STABILIZATION
FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT AND EQUIP A FIRE HOUSE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of section five B of chapter forty of the General Laws, the town of New Marlborough is hereby authorized by a two-thirds vote to appropriate all or any part of the stabilization funds of said town and to expend such funds for the purpose of constructing and equipping a fire house at a special town meeting called for the purpose during the current year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEICESTER WATER SUPPLY DISTRICT *Chap.549*
TO BORROW MONEY FOR WATER PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of making improvements in the water system necessary for the proper protection, maintenance and extension of said system, the Leicester Water Supply District may borrow, from time to time, within a period of three years from the passage of this act, such sums of money as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, five thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the district therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Leicester Water Supply District Improvement Loan, Act of 1957. Each authorized issue shall constitute a sep-

arate loan and such loans shall be paid in not more than ten years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be within the statutory limit of indebtedness for districts authorized by chapter forty-four of the General Laws, and, except as otherwise provided by this act, shall be subject to the applicable provisions of said chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

Chap.550 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE QUESTION OF THE ACCEPTANCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF LAW REGULATING THE HOURS OF DUTY OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CHICOPEE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of section fifty-eight B of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, or any other provision of general or special law, the question of acceptance of said section fifty-eight B shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the city of Chicopee at the next biennial city election to be held in said city, in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of officers in said city: — "Shall section fifty-eight B of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, providing for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members of fire departments, be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast on said question is in the affirmative, said section fifty-eight B shall take effect in said city ninety days thereafter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 19, 1957.

Chap.551 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE DATE OF TERMINATION OF THE ACT TO MEET CERTAIN CONTINGENCIES ARISING IN CONNECTION WITH THE SERVICE OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND CERTAIN OTHER PERSONS IN THE MILITARY OR NAVAL FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES, AND EXTENDING THE BENEFITS OF SAID ACT.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to extend certain benefits to certain persons in the military or naval forces of the United States, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 708 of the acts of 1941 is hereby amended by striking out section 25, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 767 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 25.* Service