

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

in the military or naval forces of the United States referred to in this act shall, except as otherwise provided thereby, mean such service occurring between January first, nineteen hundred and forty and July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-nine.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July first, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT PERMITTING THE SALE, RENTAL OR USE OF CERTAIN LANDS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY PURPOSES, AND THE GRANTING OF CERTAIN EASEMENTS OR RIGHTS OVER LAND SO HELD. *Chap. 552*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to permit forthwith certain political subdivisions of the commonwealth to sell, exchange or rent certain land no longer needed for public water supply purposes, and to grant certain rights of way over land held for such purposes, 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:

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15A the following section: — *Section 15B.* A town, city, or district authorized to furnish water for domestic purposes, may, with the advice and approval of the state department of public health, sell at public or private sale, or may exchange any real property, or any easements, whether taken by eminent domain or otherwise, no longer needed for public water supply works under its charge, or may from time to time lease any property not then so needed, or may permit the use thereof by the public for recreational purposes; and may in its discretion, by lease, license or other agreement, permit the construction and maintenance on any land under its control of towers, poles, wires, and other structures for the purpose of transmitting electric power over lands and water held for water supply purposes; provided, that such lease, license or agreement will not, in the opinion of the said department, affect or interfere with the water supply; and provided, further, that said city, town or district may, with the approval of said department, revoke said lease, license or agreement for cause to be determined by it.

Approved July 19, 1957.

AN ACT DESIGNATING THE ICE-SKATING RINK IN THE STONY BROOK RESERVATION AS THE ALEXANDER S. BAJKO MEMORIAL RINK. *Chap. 553*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The ice-skating rink under construction in the Stony Brook reservation in the Hyde Park district of the