

*Chap.732* AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARIES OF THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE APPELLATE TAX BOARD.

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

Section 1 of chapter 58A of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence, as amended by section 41 of chapter 730 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The chairman of said board shall receive a salary of eleven thousand dollars and each other member shall receive a salary of ten thousand dollars.

*Approved September 18, 1957.*

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*Chap.733* AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT CHOSEN TO FILL A VACANCY OR WHO RESIGN.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 10, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 635 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 10.* Each member of the general court chosen to fill a vacancy, or who resigns his seat during a regular annual session, shall be entitled to a per diem compensation for the time of his membership at the rate of fifty-two hundred dollars for each regular annual session, and the allowances for travel and other expenses for the time of his membership as provided in section nine B.

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

*Approved September 18, 1957.*

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*Chap.734* AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE COMMONWEALTH REIMBURSE CERTAIN ABUTTERS FOR EXPENSE INCURRED BY THEM IN REPLACING A SEA WALL IN THE TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of discharging a moral obligation of the commonwealth the treasurer of the commonwealth shall, subject to an appropriation therefor, pay to the Hotel Preston Inc., Donald C. Cahoon, Albert and Emily Lane, Elsa Hopkins, William Ganem and Harry Lampert, all of Swampscott, the sum of fifty-two thousand five hundred and thirty-two dollars and fifteen cents as reimbursement for the expense of replacing a sea wall in the town of Swampscott which was destroyed by the force of a hurricane, and which was replaced by the said parties, being abutters, to protect their property and the lives and property of others.

SECTION 2. The treasurer of the commonwealth is hereby directed to apportion the sum authorized in section one in the following manner:—

Hotel Preston Inc. . . . .	\$17,356 00
Donald C. Cahoon . . . . .	10,016 00
Albert and Emily Lane . . . . .	8,300 00
Elsa Hopkins . . . . .	8,150 00
William Ganem . . . . .	2,606 80
Harry Lampert . . . . .	6,103 75

*Approved September 18, 1957.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARY OF THE CLERK OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT OF WORCESTER. *Chap.735*

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

Section 79 of chapter 218 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 to 9, inclusive, as appearing in section 6 of chapter 738 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following: — The salary of the clerk of the central district court of Worcester shall be nine thousand four hundred and eighty dollars; the salaries of the clerks of the first district court of eastern Middlesex, the third district court of eastern Middlesex, the district court of east Norfolk, the municipal court of the Roxbury district, and the district court of Springfield shall be nine thousand dollars;

*Approved September 18, 1957.*

AN ACT TO VALIDATE THE ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING IN THE TOWN OF STURBRIDGE. *Chap.736*

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

SECTION 1. The acts and proceedings of the annual town meeting held March fourth and eleventh, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven in the town of Sturbridge and all acts heretofore done pursuant thereto are hereby validated, notwithstanding any defect in giving notice of said meeting.

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

*Approved September 19, 1957.*

AN ACT GRANTING THE CONSENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO A PETITION BY MARY GALLAGHER. *Chap.737*

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

SECTION 1. Mary Gallagher of Dedham is hereby authorized, within six months after the passage of this act, to bring a petition against the commonwealth under the provisions of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws that the court determine whether, in the manner and subject to the limitations, conditions and restrictions specified in section fifteen of chapter eighty-four of the General Laws, but not including the requirements relative to a written notice as specified in sections eighteen and nineteen of said chapter eighty-four, injuries sustained by her on or about June fourth, nineteen hundred and fifty-six were caused by a defect or want of repair of a way or sidewalk on Summer street in the city of Boston under the control of the commonwealth and, if the court shall so determine, to find the amount