

Chap.377 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE IN THE TOWN OF NORTHBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The tenure of office of Francis P. Bodreau, the present incumbent in the office of chief of police in the town of Northborough shall, upon the effective date of this act, be unlimited. Said incumbent shall not be removed from office, lowered in rank or suspended, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing by the board of selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at the annual meeting in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six 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-five, entitled 'An Act relative to the tenure of office of the chief of police of the town of Northborough', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise. *Approved May 20, 1955.*

Chap.378 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN ADDITIONAL COURT OFFICER FOR THE PROBATE COURT OF SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 217, § 30, etc., amended.

Probate court officers, appointment of.

Section 30 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 793 of the acts of 1951, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The judges of probate for the counties of Suffolk and Middlesex may appoint three officers, the judges of probate for the county of Essex may appoint two officers, and the judge of probate for Plymouth county and the judges of probate for Worcester county may appoint an officer, to attend the sessions of the probate court and court of insolvency of their respective counties. *Approved May 20, 1955.*

Chap.379 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO MAINTAIN ROADS IN CERTAIN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose which is to provide forthwith for the construction, improvement and maintenance of certain roads at state institutions, or on other state property, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 81, § 13, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 13 of chapter 81 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the third sentence,