

notes, records, documents and inventories connected with engineering operations of the town, and render to the selectmen, as often as they may require, a full report of all operations under his control during the period reported upon; and annually, or from time to time as required by the selectmen, he shall make a synopsis of all reports for publication. He shall keep the selectmen fully advised as to the needs of the town within the scope of his duties, and shall furnish to the selectmen, on or before January first in each year, a carefully prepared and detailed estimate in writing of the appropriations required during the ensuing fiscal year for the proper conduct of all departments of the town under his supervision.

SECTION 3. In accordance with the provisions of section twenty-three of chapter forty-one of the General Laws, the said town, at any time after three years following the annual town election at which this act becomes fully effective, may rescind, in whole or in part, all action taken under its provisions.

SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of the town of Sharon for acceptance at its annual town election in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, in the form of the following question, which shall be placed on the official ballot used in the election of town officers at said election:— "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled 'An Act Authorizing the Selectmen of the Town of Sharon to Act as a Board of Public Works exercising the Powers of certain other Boards and Town Officers', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast in answer to said question are in the affirmative this act shall take effect beginning with and for the purposes of the annual town election in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five; but not otherwise.

SECTION 5. If this act is rejected by the registered voters of the town of Sharon when submitted to said voters under section four, it may be submitted for acceptance from time to time in like manner and with like effect at any annual town election in said town not later than that in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-six, and, if accepted at any such election, shall take effect beginning with and for the purposes of the annual town election in the year next following.

*Approved January 29, 1954.*

*Chap. 42* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF BREWSTER TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. The town of Brewster may annually appropriate a sum of money not to exceed five hundred dollars for advertising the advantages of the town with special reference to its facilities for summer vacations, recreation and residential purposes, and its seashore advantages. The

money so appropriated shall be expended under the direction of the selectmen.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by said town within five years after its passage.

*Approved January 29, 1954.*

AN ACT TO PERMIT CITIES TO USE CERTAIN CURRENTLY AVAILABLE FUNDS TO REDUCE TAX RATES THEREIN FOR THE CURRENT YEAR. *Chap. 43*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to allow cities to use certain funds to reduce tax rates in the current year, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience. Emergency preamble.

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

In cities in the calendar year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, in determining the amount of available funds which the assessors may be required to deduct under the provisions of clauses (b) and (c) of section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws such funds shall constitute the amounts certified by the director of accounts as available on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, in accordance with the provisions of said section, together with the total of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the real, personal or poll taxes of prior years collected or received between said January first and the last day of the month preceding the month in which the tax rate is determined, but in no event later than March thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

The auditor or similar accounting officer in each city shall certify as soon as may be to the board of assessors the total of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the total real, personal or poll taxes of prior years collected from January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, up to and including March thirty-first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four.

*Approved February 1, 1954.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND TREATMENT OF CERTAIN MINORS. *Chap. 44*

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

Section 117 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 129 of the acts of 1948, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following paragraph: — G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 111, § 117, etc., amended.

For the purposes of this section, physical examination and treatment by a registered physician or surgeon acting under the authority of the department of public health upon Certain physical examinations not to con-