

incumbent of said office shall continue to serve as such provided he passes a qualifying examination to be given by the division of civil service.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of the town of Hull at the annual town election in the current year in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said town at said election: — "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled 'An Act placing the office of chief of the fire department of the town of Hull under the civil service laws' be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 4, 1954.*

*Chap. 79* AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE WORDS "ARMED FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES" FOR THE PURPOSE OF ABSENT VOTING.

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

The second paragraph of section 1 of chapter 531 of the acts of 1948 is hereby amended by adding at the end the following: — , or any spouse, parent or child of such member of the armed forces, if accompanying or being with such member and who has the qualifications entitling him to register in the same election district.

*Approved February 4, 1954.*

*Chap. 80* AN ACT INCREASING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH ANDOVER.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 379 of the acts of 1906 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section: — *Section 2A.* The said board of public works shall have the powers, rights, duties and obligations now or from time to time vested by general law, special law or town meeting vote in the following departments, officers and committees of said town, to wit: park department, playground department, cemetery department and school department, in so far as the care, improvement and maintenance of school department property, exclusive of school buildings, is vested by general law in the school department. The use and control of all school department property shall remain with the school department.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of North Andover at the next annual town election in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the official ballot to be used at said election: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled 'An Act increasing the Powers and Duties of the Board of Public Works of the Town of North Andover' be accepted?" If