

a majority of votes cast in answer to such question are in the affirmative, this act shall become fully effective beginning with, and for the purposes of, the annual town election in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-four, but not otherwise.

Approved February 4, 1954.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FILING OF CERTAIN STATEMENTS
BY THE MALDEN STADIUM AND ATHLETIC FIELD COMMISSION. Chap. 81

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 456 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 6.* The commission shall annually on or before the fifteenth day of January file with the city clerk an itemized and detailed statement of any revenue received from, and all expenditures made for, said athletic field and the buildings and other structures thereon for the year ending December thirty-first preceding.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance, during the current year, by vote of the city council of said city of Malden, but not otherwise.

Approved February 4, 1954.

AN ACT PLACING THE OFFICE OF VETERANS' AGENT AND
DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES IN THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS. Chap. 82

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The office of veterans' agent and director of veterans' services in the city of Pittsfield shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules, and the incumbent of said office shall have unlimited tenure of office, subject, however to said laws, provided, however, that the incumbent of said office on said effective date shall be subjected by the division of civil service to a qualifying examination, and if he passes said examination he shall be certified for said office and deemed to be permanently appointed thereto, without being required to serve any probationary period.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the mayor and city council in the current year.

Approved February 4, 1954.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF COPIES OF CONTRACTS
EXECUTED ON BEHALF OF A CITY WITH THE CITY AUDITOR. Chap. 83

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 17, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 17.* Every officer of a city who makes or

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 41, § 17,
amended.

Filing of
copies of city
contracts,
regulated.

executes a contract on behalf of the city shall furnish said contract or a copy thereof to the city clerk and the city auditor within one week after its execution; and the city clerk shall keep such contract or copy on file, open to public inspection during business hours. Such contracts or copies shall be kept in a book by themselves or in several books, arranged according to the subject of the contract, or in other convenient form, and an index to the subject matter of the contracts and to the names of the contractors shall be made semi-annually, and shall also be open to public inspection in some convenient form. All allowances under and additions to such contracts, or copies thereof, shall be filed with the city clerk and the city auditor, together with a sworn statement of the officer making such allowances or additions that the same are correct and in accordance with the contract. A city clerk or other city officer failing to comply with this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than one hundred dollars.

Penalty.

Approved February 4, 1954.

Chap. 84 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT IN THE TOWN OF IPSWICH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 247 of the acts of 1949 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2 the following section: — *Section 2A.* Upon the election and qualification of the five selectmen elected as herein provided, all the powers, rights, duties and liabilities, except as hereinafter provided, now or hereafter conferred or imposed by law upon the selectmen, shall be exercised and performed by the selectmen elected under the provisions of section two. Nothing in this act shall be construed to affect the powers and duties of the selectmen as provided by law, except as specifically provided herein.

Approved February 8, 1954.

Chap. 85 AN ACT RELATIVE TO MEMBERSHIP IN THE SAUGUS POLICE RELIEF ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Whenever a member of the Saugus Police Relief Association, Incorporated ceases to be a member of the Saugus police department, he shall cease to be a member of said association and shall no longer be entitled to any benefits therefrom; provided, however, that any member of said association who ceases to be a member of the Saugus police department by reason of being pensioned from said department, shall within thirty days of such retirement be paid from the funds of said association a sum of money equal to the death benefit.

Approved February 8, 1954.