

amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. Such bonds or notes shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by a majority of said county commissioners. The county may sell said securities at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as said county commissioners may deem proper but not for less than their par value. *Approved February 10, 1954.*

AN ACT FURTHER EXTENDING THE PRIVILEGE OF ABSENT VOTING. Chap.101

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

Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 86, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 153 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 86.* Any voter who during the hours that the polling places are open on the day of the biennial state election is absent from the city or town where he is a voter by reason of his employment in another community or for any other reason or who will be unable by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place, and whose application for an official absent voting ballot has been filed with the city or town clerk as provided in section eighty-nine, or with the state secretary, and certified under section ninety-one, may vote in accordance with sections eighty-seven to one hundred and three, inclusive; provided, that a voter who is in a penal institution under sentence shall not be entitled or permitted to avail himself of the provisions of this and the seventeen following sections; and provided, further, that a voter who will be unable by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place shall file with the city or town clerk with his application for an official absent voting ballot a certificate executed by a registered physician, attending registered nurse, superintendent of a hospital or like institution or a practitioner of the Christian Science Church, stating that the voter will be unable by reason of physical disability to cast his vote in person at the polling place on the day of election.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 54, § 86, etc., amended.

Privilege of absent voting, further extended.

*Approved February 10, 1954.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS IN CITIES AND TOWNS WHERE VOTING MACHINES ARE USED. Chap.102

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

Chapter 54 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 94, as amended by section 1 of chapter 39 of the acts of 1952, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 94.* Upon receipt of an envelope purporting to contain an official absent voting ballot, the clerk of the city or town shall attach thereto the applica-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 54, § 94, etc., amended.

Counting of absentee ballots in certain cities