

and qualification of the public works commission as aforesaid, the street and water commission, the park commission, the board of survey, the office of the city forester and the city engineer shall thereupon be abolished.

SECTION 3. There shall be within the department of public works, but subject to the control of the commission, a division of highways, a division of water works, a division of engineering and a division of forestry and parks. Each such division shall assume such management and control as shall be determined by the commission.

SECTION 4. The superintendent of public works shall be appointed in accordance with the civil service laws of the commonwealth. The commission shall fix the salary of the superintendent. The superintendent shall have full authority to carry out the policies of the commission.

SECTION 5. All persons now employed in the street and water department, park department, engineering department, water department and the department of the city forester shall, upon the effective date of this act, be transferred to the department of public works. All such transfers of employees shall be made without loss of pay and without change of rating, seniority, retirement or pension rights, or any other privileges under any provision of law or ordinance.

SECTION 6. Any provision of a statute or ordinance of the city of Malden which is inconsistent with this chapter is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the city of Malden at the biennial state election to be held in the current year in the form of the following question which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used in said city at said election: — “Shall an act authorizing the city of Malden to establish a public works commission be accepted?” If a majority of said voters answer in the affirmative this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved May 4, 1954.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL MASTER IN CHANCERY IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN. Chap. 385

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

SECTION 1. Section 53 of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 151 of the acts of 1939, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “Plymouth”, in line 7, the words: —, six in Hampden, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 53.* The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, shall, as vacancies occur, appoint masters in chancery, who may act throughout the commonwealth, so that the number thereof in the several counties shall be twelve in Suffolk, eleven in Essex, eleven in Middlesex, seven in Worcester, six in Norfolk, six in Plymouth, six in Hampden, and not more than five in any other county. They shall be sworn, and shall hold their offices for five years.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 221, § 53, etc., amended.

Additional master in chancery for Hampden county.

Residence  
requirement.

SECTION 2. The additional master in chancery whose appointment is authorized by this act shall be a resident of the town of Ludlow.

*Approved May 4, 1954.*

*Chap.386* AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS WEIGHERS AND MEASURERS.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide for the immediate appointment of employees of the registry of motor vehicles as weighers and measurers, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 41, new  
§ 87A, added.  
Appointment  
of certain  
persons as  
weighers and  
measurers,  
authorized.

Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 87 thereof the following new section: —  
*Section 87A.* The director of standards and necessities of life, upon the written request of the registrar of motor vehicles, shall appoint any of those persons described in section twenty-nine of chapter ninety as having the powers of constables and of police officers, as weighers and measurers of motor vehicles and trailers, and of the loads of such vehicles and trailers. Before entering upon their duties they shall be sworn. Subject to section ninety, they shall serve as long as they have the powers of constables and police officers or until the registrar shall in writing request the director to revoke any such appointment.

*Approved May 5, 1954.*

*Chap.387* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEDUCTIONS ALLOWED UNDER THE INCOME TAX LAW TO EXECUTORS OR ADMINISTRATORS ACTING AS TRUSTEES.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately effective the provisions thereof, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 62, § 10,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section 10 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "trustees", in line 42, the following: —, but not executors or administrators even though acting as trustees.

Effective  
date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-four, and shall apply to income received in the calendar year nineteen hundred and fifty-three and thereafter.

*Approved May 5, 1954.*