

shall be deemed sufficient service upon or notice to the attorney general.

Powers of division.

*Section 8II.* Upon application to and with the approval of a judge of a probate court or a justice of the supreme judicial court, the division may at any time examine all the books and records, and investigate the administration of any public charity, and the director may require the attendance and testimony of witnesses, who shall be summoned in the same manner and paid the same fees as witnesses in the superior court. Such witnesses shall be duly sworn and shall give their testimony under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Rules and regulations.

*Section 8I.* The director shall, with the approval of the governor and council, from time to time formulate such reasonable rules and regulations as may be advisable with reference to the filing of reports under the provisions of section eight F and the conduct of examinations and investigations under the provisions of section eight H, and such rules and regulations shall thereafter govern all such matters.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 217, § 19, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Section 19 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 354 of the acts of 1948, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 5 and 6, the words "department of public welfare and to the attorney general" and inserting in place thereof the words: — division of public charities established by section eight B of chapter twelve.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 68, § 15, etc., repealed.

SECTION 3. Section fifteen of chapter sixty-eight of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six, is hereby repealed.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 180, § 12, etc., repealed.

SECTION 4. Section twelve of chapter one hundred and eighty of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section two of chapter three hundred and fifty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-eight, is hereby repealed.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 180, § 12A, etc., repealed.

SECTION 5. Section twelve A of said chapter one hundred and eighty, as most recently amended by chapter twenty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six, is hereby repealed.

*Approved June 1, 1954.*

## Chap. 530 AN ACT PERMITTING CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS BY PUBLIC OFFICERS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 55, § 13, etc., amended.

Section 13 of chapter 55 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 10 of chapter 537 of the acts of 1946, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph: —

Campaign contributions by public officers, permitted.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent any person holding elective public office from contributing to a candidate or to an elected or non-elected political committee.

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