

*Chap.660* AN ACT PROVIDING THAT CERTAIN TOWN MEETING VOTES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO A REFERENDUM IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 454 of the acts of 1943 is hereby amended by striking out section 2 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 2.* Any vote, except a vote to adjourn or authorizing the borrowing of money in anticipation of the receipt of taxes for the current year, passed at any town meeting, shall not be operative until the expiration of five days, exclusive of Sundays and holidays, from the dissolution of the meeting. If, within said five days, a petition, signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered voters of the town, containing their names and addresses as they appear on the list of registered voters, is filed with the selectmen asking that the question or questions involved in such a vote be submitted to the registered voters of the town, then the selectmen, after the expiration of five days, shall forthwith call a special meeting for the sole purpose of presenting to the registered voters the question or questions so involved. The polls shall be opened at twelve o'clock noon and shall be closed not earlier than eight o'clock in the evening, and all votes upon any questions so submitted shall be taken by ballot, and the check list used in the same manner as in the election of town officers. The question or questions shall be determined by a majority vote of the registered voters of the town voting thereon. If such petition is not filed within said period of five days, the vote in the town meeting shall become operative and effective at the expiration of said period.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the voters of said town voting thereon at an annual or special town meeting.

*Approved June 10, 1954.*

*Chap.661* AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE OBSERVANCE OF NOVEMBER ELEVENTH AS VETERANS DAY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 6 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 12A, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 12A.* The governor shall annually issue a proclamation calling for a proper observance of November eleventh as Veterans Day, in lasting recognition of the service and sacrifice of those sons and daughters of Massachusetts who served in the armed forces of the United States in time of war or insurrection.

SECTION 2. Wherever in any general or special law the term Armistice Day appears as applied to November eleventh it shall be taken to mean Veterans Day.

*Approved June 10, 1954.*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 6, § 12A, amended.

November eleventh to be observed as Veterans Day.

Same subject.