

Said abstracts shall be made upon forms prepared by the commission, and shall include all necessary information as to the parties to the case, the nature of the offence, the date of the hearing, the plea, the judgment and the result; and every such abstract shall be certified by the clerk of the court or by the trial justice as a true abstract of the record of the court. The commission shall keep such records in its office, and they shall be open to the inspection of any person during reasonable business hours.

SECTION 2. Section 27 of said chapter 90, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "chapter", in line 3, the words:— relating to motor vehicles.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 27, amended.

Approved March 30, 1949.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE PRESENT
CITY MESSENGER OF SOMERVILLE.

Chap. 116

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The present city messenger of Somerville shall hold office continuously during good behavior unless incapacitated by physical or mental disability from performing the duties of the office; provided, however, that the board of aldermen may, subject to the provisions of law governing the removal of civil service employees, remove him. Any appointment to said office made subsequent to the effective date of this act shall be made subject to the provisions of the charter of said city.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the board of aldermen of the city of Somerville with the approval of the mayor, provided that such acceptance and approval occur before January first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Approved March 30, 1949.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCHOOL PURPOSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Chap. 117

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 224 of the acts of 1936 is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as amended by section 1 of chapter 167 of the acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 2.* The school committee of the city of Boston may annually, beginning with the financial year nineteen hundred and forty-nine, by vote of four fifths of all its members, taken by yeas and nays, make appropriations to be raised by taxation as follows:—

(a) For the construction and furnishing of new school buildings, both temporary and permanent, including the taking of land therefor, and for school yards and the preparing of school yards for use, and for rent of hired school accommodations, a sum which shall not exceed fifty cents on each one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations for the three preceding years, such valuations

being reduced by abatements granted up to December thirty-first of the preceding year;

(b) For the alteration and repair of school buildings and for furniture, fixtures, and means of escape in case of fire, and for fire protection of existing buildings, and for improving existing school yards, a sum which shall not exceed one dollar and seventy cents on each one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations for the three preceding years, such valuations being reduced by abatements granted up to December thirty-first of the preceding year; and

(c) For all other school purposes, the sum of nineteen million nine hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

Unexpended appropriation balances may be reappropriated for their respective purposes; and, in addition to the sum specified in clause (c), an amount equal to the money that may be given, and the income collected, for school purposes, as estimated by said committee, may be appropriated for the purposes of clause (c). Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing said school committee to appropriate sums distributed or distributable under chapter seventy of the General Laws, which sums constitute general revenues of said city.

Nothing in this section shall prevent the mayor, on request of the school committee, from recommending and the city council from passing additional appropriations for school purposes.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 224 of the acts of 1936, as amended by section 1 of this act, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the first sentence, clause (c) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—

(c) For all other school purposes, the sum of twenty-one million two hundred thousand dollars.

SECTION 3. So much of section five of chapter two hundred and forty-one of the acts of eighteen hundred and seventy-five, as amended, as provides that the salaries of teachers in the public schools of said city shall not be increased during a school year, shall not be operative in the current school year with respect to any salary increase which is to take effect on or after July first in the current year.

SECTION 4. This section and sections one and three of this act shall take effect upon the passage of this act. Section two of this act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty.

Approved April 4, 1949.

Chap. 118 AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN LAWS AFFECTING VETERANS AND THEIR ORGANIZATIONS APPLICABLE TO THE FRANCO-AMERICAN WAR VETERANS, INC.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to make the benefits provided thereby available without delay to the veterans' organization referred to therein, therefore it is hereby