

nor shall any appropriation be used for expenses, except gratuities and special allowances by the general court, unless properly approved vouchers therefor have been filed with the comptroller.
Approved February 3, 1950.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INCURRING OF EXPENSES AND THE EXPENDING OF APPROPRIATIONS BY STATE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS. *Chap. 45*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 27, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 636 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 27.* Notwithstanding any provision of general law, no department, office, commission and institution shall incur an expense, increase a salary, or employ a new clerk, assistant or other subordinate, unless an appropriation by the general court and an allotment by the governor, sufficient to cover the expense thereof, shall have been made. Appropriations by the general court, and any allotments by the governor, shall be expended only in the amounts prescribed in the subsidiary accounts, if any, established for the several appropriation accounts in schedules established by, and on file with, the joint committee on ways and means. Said committee, as soon as may be after the general appropriation bill or any other appropriation bill has the force of law conformably to the constitution, shall file with the comptroller and with the budget commissioner, a certified copy of the schedules aforesaid which relate thereto.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 29, § 27, etc., amended.

Expenses and increases in appropriations, regulated.

Approved February 3, 1950.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, OFFICES, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS. *Chap. 46*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 29, as most recently amended by section 3 of chapter 636 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 29.* Any subsidiary account set up as prescribed in the schedules referred to in section twenty-seven, on the books of any department, office, commission and institution, receiving an appropriation from the commonwealth, may be increased or decreased by interchange with any other such subsidiary account within the same appropriation account, if a request therefor from such department, office, commission or institution is approved in writing by the budget commissioner and is filed with the comptroller by said commissioner.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 29, § 29, etc., amended.

Subsidiary accounts to be approved by the budget commissioner.

The comptroller may accept affidavits that expenditures are in accordance with the purpose of such appropriation or subsidiary accounts and do not exceed the unencumbered

balances of the amounts provided therefor. The comptroller shall refuse to permit a disbursement or the incurring of an obligation if funds or allotments of funds under an appropriation account or subsidiary account under an appropriation account, sufficient to cover such disbursement or obligation are not available and shall immediately give notice of such refusal to the budget commissioner and the department, office, commission or institution proposing the expenditure.

Approved February 3, 1950.

Chap. 47 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN TO ESTABLISH A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS EXERCISING THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF WATER COMMISSIONERS, SEWER COMMISSIONERS AND OF SELECTMEN WITH RESPECT TO HIGHWAYS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall be established in the town of Provincetown a board of public works, hereinafter called the board, to consist of the three members of the board of selectmen. The members of the board shall, forthwith after each annual town election, elect one of their members to act as chairman of the board for the ensuing year. In case of a vacancy, the remaining members of the board, if they constitute a quorum, may fill such vacancy until the next annual town election.

SECTION 2. Upon the qualification of the members of the board, the board of water commissioners and board of sewer commissioners shall be abolished, and thereupon all of the powers, duties, rights and liabilities of the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners, and of the selectmen in respect to all matters relating to the construction, care and maintenance of highways, bridges, drains and sidewalks, shall be conferred and imposed upon the board of public works created by this act. The board shall have all the powers, duties, rights and liabilities to maintain and regulate the rubbish-garbage disposal system in the town of Provincetown, including the operation and maintenance of the town dumping grounds. No contracts or liabilities existing at the time of the acceptance of this act shall be affected thereby, but the board shall be, in all respects and for all purposes whatsoever, the lawful successor of the board of water commissioners and the board of sewer commissioners, and also of the selectmen in all matters relating to the construction, care and maintenance of highways, bridges, drains and sidewalks, and shall be the lawful successor to the board of health, but only in respect to the operation, maintenance and care of the rubbish-garbage disposal system and town dumping grounds.

SECTION 3. The board shall appoint and fix the compensation of a superintendent of public works, who shall exercise and perform, under its supervision and direction, such of the powers, rights and duties transferred to it under