

cations shall be signed and sworn to, if made by an individual, by such individual, if made by two or more individuals or a partnership, by one of such individuals or by a member of such partnership, as the case may be, if made by a trust, by a trustee of such trust, and if made by an association or corporation, by the president or vice-president thereof. The commission may prescribe forms to be used in making such applications.

*Approved August 2, 1950.*

AN ACT EXTENDING FURTHER PROTECTION TO CERTAIN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AGAINST ARBITRARY REMOVAL. Chap. 717

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

Chapter 30 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 9B, inserted by chapter 524 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 9B.* No person employed in any institution under the department of mental health, public health, public welfare or correction or in the Soldiers' Home in Massachusetts or in institutions under the jurisdiction of the youth service board, except an employee, other than a nurse, rendering professional service, who is not classified under chapter thirty-one, and no maintenance employee in any institution under the department of education, shall, after having served satisfactorily for six months in his position, be removed therefrom except for just cause and for reasons specifically given him in writing at least seventy-two hours prior to such removal. If, within three days after the giving of such notice, the person sought to be removed shall so request in writing, he shall be given a hearing, either public or private in accordance with his request, in not less than three nor more than fourteen days after the filing of the request, by the appointing authority whose action affected him as aforesaid, and he shall be allowed to answer the charges preferred against him, either personally or by counsel, and he shall be notified, within three days after the hearing, of the decision of such authority. Upon failure to give the removed employee the requested hearing, such employee shall be forthwith reinstated. A copy of said reasons, notice and answer shall be made a matter of public record in the department in which he is employed. If, within five days after receiving written notice of the decision of the appointing authority, the person so removed shall so request in writing, he shall be given a hearing before an impartial commission of three members to be appointed by the governor. Such hearing shall be commenced in not less than three nor more than ten days, and shall be completed within thirty days after the filing of such request. The impartial commission of three shall have full authority to affirm or reverse the decision of the appointing authority by a majority vote of said commission. The decision of said com-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 30, § 9B, etc., amended.

Protection against arbitrary removal.

mission shall be made a matter of public record and shall be final and conclusive upon the parties. If the removal is found to be without just cause the employee shall be reinstated forthwith without loss of compensation.

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**Chap.718 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF NAMES OR IMITATIONS THEREOF OF CERTAIN ORGANIZATIONS.**

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 266, new § 71A, added.  
Prohibiting use of names of certain organizations.

Chapter 266 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 71 the following section: — *Section 71A.* No person, society, association or corporation shall knowingly assume, adopt or use the name of a benevolent, humane, fraternal, charitable or labor organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, or a name so nearly resembling the name of such incorporated or unincorporated organization as to be a colorable imitation thereof or calculated to deceive persons not members with respect to such organizations. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars or by imprisonment for not more than one year or by both such fine and imprisonment. The superior court shall have jurisdiction in equity to enjoin any violation of this section.

*Approved August 3, 1950.*

**Chap.719 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PLACING OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF LANCASTER UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.**

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

SECTION 1. The office of chief of police of the town of Lancaster shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules relating to police officers in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to said laws, but the person holding said office on said effective date shall continue to serve therein only until the expiration of his term of office unless prior thereto he passes a non-competitive qualifying examination to which he shall be subjected by the division of civil service.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of said town at the next annual town meeting in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty, entitled 'An Act to authorize the placing of the office of chief of police of the town of Lancaster under the civil service laws', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

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