

originally appointed and which he did not complete because of such entry into said armed forces. Any such person shall, when reinstated or re-employed in his former position as provided by this section, have credited to him as creditable service under any contributory retirement system or under any other pension or retirement law under which he has actual or inchoate rights, the period of his service with said armed forces, and any such person whose salary is fixed under a classified compensation plan shall be eligible to a salary rate which includes accrued step rate increments to which he would have been eligible except for absence on such service with said armed forces. All appointments, transfers and promotions made on account of such leaves of absence shall be temporary only and the person so appointed, transferred or promoted shall be known as a military substitute.

SECTION 2. The hostilities referred to in section one shall, for the purposes of this act, be deemed to have begun on June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and fifty.

*Approved August 18, 1950.*

*Chap.806* AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF HEAD CLERK AND SECRETARY IN THE DIVISION OF CIVIL SERVICE.

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

There is hereby established in the division of civil service the office of head clerk and secretary to the commission. Said office shall be subject to civil service laws and rules made thereunder, and the tenure of the incumbent thereof shall be unlimited subject, however, to said laws, but the present incumbent of the position of head clerk in the division of civil service, Rose Abrams, shall be designated and appointed to said office of head clerk and secretary to the commission without taking any qualifying examination, and shall be deemed to be permanently appointed thereto without being required to serve any probationary period.

*Approved August 18, 1950.*

*Chap.807* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 25, § 2, etc., amended.

Section 2 of chapter 25 of the General Laws, as amended by section 38 of chapter 591 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 7, the words "nine thousand", and inserting in place thereof the words: — ten thousand five hundred, — and by striking out, in line 9, the word "eight", and inserting in place thereof the word: — nine, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* The department shall be under the supervision and control of a commission of five members, in this chapter called the commis-

Commissioners in department of public utilities.

sion. The governor shall, with the advice and consent of the council, annually appoint one commissioner for five years. The governor shall designate one of said commissioners as chairman. The chairman shall receive such salary, not exceeding ten thousand five hundred dollars, and each of the other commissioners such salary, not exceeding nine thousand dollars, as the governor and council determine.

Salaries.

*Approved August 18, 1950.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TRAVEL EXPENSES OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES AUTHORIZED TO TRAVEL BY ORDER OF THE GENERAL COURT. Chap.808

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 32 the following section: — *Section 32A.* No special commission created by an act or resolve and no standing committee of the general court sitting in recess under authority of an order of the general court or of either branch thereof, shall travel either within or without the commonwealth except by a vote of a majority of the total membership of such commission or committee.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 3, new § 32A, added. Travel expenses of certain commissions and committees of the legislature.

Whenever any such commission or committee travels, the sergeant-at-arms shall make all necessary provisions for its transportation and hotel accommodations, and shall advance to each individual member thereof and to each general court officer, secretary, consultant or technical assistant thereof so traveling, a sum sufficient to cover such estimated expense as they may incur other than for such transportation and hotel accommodations.

Each member of such a commission or committee and every other person duly authorized to travel with said committee shall forthwith, upon his return, file with the secretary or chairman thereof a certificate containing an itemized account of all expenditures so incurred by him. All such accounts shall be approved by the signatures of a majority of the members of such commission or committee and transmitted to the sergeant-at-arms.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January first, nineteen hundred and fifty-one.

Effective date.

*Approved August 18, 1950.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR CERTAIN GUARANTEED RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES UNDER THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEMS. Chap.809

*Whereas,* The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make effective forthwith certain changes in the contributory retirement systems, therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.