

visions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof.

Item 0416-35	For regarding the dome of the state house and for necessary painting and other work incidental thereto	\$20,000 00
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SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved February 5, 1946.

AN ACT FIXING THE DAY OF THE WEEK ON WHICH SPECIAL ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT SHALL BE HELD AND RELATIVE TO THE DATE OF HOLDING PRIMARIES BEFORE SPECIAL ELECTIONS AND THE FILING OF NOMINATION PAPERS. *Chap. 20*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section one hundred and forty-one of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section seven of chapter thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, is hereby further amended by inserting before the last sentence the following sentence: — All such elections shall be held on a Tuesday, — so that said paragraph will read as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 54, § 141, etc., amended.

Upon a vacancy in the office of representative in the general court or upon failure to elect, the speaker of the house of representatives shall issue precepts to the aldermen of each city and the selectmen of each town comprising the district or any part thereof, appointing such time as the house of representatives may order for an election to fill such vacancy; provided, that if such vacancy occurs during a recess between the first and second annual sessions of the same general court, the speaker may fix the time for an election to fill such vacancy. All such elections shall be held on a Tuesday. Upon receipt of such precepts, the aldermen or the selectmen shall call an election, which shall be held in accordance with the precepts.

Vacancy, office of representative in the general court.

SECTION 2. The first paragraph of section ten of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws, as appearing in section four of chapter three hundred and seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby amended by striking out, in the seventh line, the word "fourth" and inserting in place thereof the word: — sixth, — so as to read as follows: — All certificates of nomination and nomination papers of candidates for offices to be filed at a state election shall be filed on or before the fourteenth Tuesday preceding the day of the election; but if there is a special election to fill any state office, all certificates of nomination and nomination papers shall be filed on or before the sixth Tuesday preceding the day of such election.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 53, § 10, etc., amended.

Time for filing certificates of nomination and nomination papers for election.

SECTION 3. Section twenty-eight of said chapter fifty-three, as most recently amended by section seven of chapter

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 53, § 28, etc., amended.

four hundred and seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the sixth line, the word "second" and inserting in place thereof the word: — third, — so that the first paragraph will read as follows: — State primaries shall be held on the seventh Tuesday preceding biennial state elections, city primaries on the third Tuesday preceding regular city elections, town primaries on the second Tuesday preceding town elections, primaries before all special elections on the third Tuesday preceding such elections, and presidential primaries on the last Tuesday in April in any year in which presidential electors are to be elected; except that city primaries or preliminary elections held under general or special law before regular city elections in cities which accept section one hundred and three A of chapter fifty-four shall be held on the fourth Tuesday preceding such city elections, and except that town primaries before regular town elections in towns which have accepted said section shall be held on the fourth Tuesday preceding such town elections.

SECTION 4. Section forty-eight of said chapter fifty-three, as most recently amended by chapter fifty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the sixth line, the word "second" and inserting in place thereof the word: — third, — so that the first paragraph will read as follows: — All nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at state primaries shall be filed with the state secretary on or before the seventh Tuesday preceding the day of the primaries; except in the case of primaries before special elections, when nomination papers shall be filed on or before the third Tuesday preceding the day of the primaries.

Approved February 6, 1946.

Chap. 21 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE HUNTING OR TRAPPING OF BEAVERS DURING A PORTION OF THE YEAR NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX.

Whereas, This act relates to the hunting, trapping and possession of beavers during the month of February in the current year and its deferred operation would defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter two hundred and fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five is hereby amended by adding at the end the following sentence: — In the hunting or trapping of beavers under authority of this act, no person shall set, place, locate, tend or maintain a trap within ten feet of a beaver house, nor shall a beaver house or dam be torn open, disturbed or destroyed.

Approved February 8, 1946.

Days and places of holding primaries.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 53, § 48, etc., amended.

Last day for filing nomination papers.