

AN ACT TO EXEMPT TRUSTS CREATED BY AN EMPLOYER IN CONNECTION WITH OR AS PART OF A STOCK BONUS, PENSION, DISABILITY, DEATH BENEFIT OR PROFIT SHARING PLAN FROM THE OPERATION OF ANY RULE OF LAW AGAINST PERPETUITIES OR SUSPENSION OF THE POWER OF ALIENATION OF TITLE TO PROPERTY AND LIMITING THE PERIOD IN WHICH ANY SUCH TRUST HERETOFORE CREATED MAY BE TERMINATED BECAUSE OF ANY SUCH RULE OF LAW. Chap. 287

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

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and three of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section three the following section: — *Section 3A.* A trust created by an employer as part of a stock bonus, pension, disability, death benefit or profit sharing plan for the benefit of some or all of his employees, to which contributions are made by the employer or employees, or both, for the purpose of distributing to the employees the earnings or the principal, or both earnings and principal, of the fund held in trust, may continue in perpetuity or for such time as may be necessary to accomplish the purpose for which it is created, and shall not be invalid as violating any rule of law against perpetuities or suspension of the power of alienation of the title to property.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 203, new § 3A, added.

Certain trusts created by an employer exempt from operation of any rule or law against perpetuities.

SECTION 2. No rule of law against perpetuities or suspension of the power of alienation of the title to property shall operate to invalidate any trust created or attempted to be created prior to the effective date of this act by an employer as a part of a stock bonus, pension, disability, death benefit or profit sharing plan for the benefit of some or all of his employees to which contributions are made by the employer or employees, or both, for the purpose of distributing to the employees earnings or principal, or both earnings and principal, of the fund held in trust, unless the trust is terminated by a court of competent jurisdiction in a suit instituted within three years after said effective date.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon September first of the current year. *Approved May 10, 1946.*

Effective date.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHT OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT AND TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEES THEREOF. Chap. 288

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

Chapter thirty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section forty-six I, inserted by section eight of chapter seven hundred and three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, the following section: — *Section 46J.* The right of persons employed under civil service by the commonwealth or by any political subdivision thereof, either individually or collectively, to petition the general court or any member thereof, to furnish information to

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 31, new § 46J, added.

Right to petition general court.