

either branch of the general court or to appear before any committee thereof shall not be denied or interfered with. This section shall not authorize an employee not on leave to absent himself during regular working hours from his office or employment without permission.

*Approved May 10, 1946.*

*Chap. 289* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER TO CONSTRUCT  
A CERTAIN BRIDGE IN SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Gloucester is hereby authorized to construct a bridge without a draw over Lobster cove, so called, in said city, to replace the existing bridge and to constitute a portion of a public way in said city known as Bridge-water street, and the department of public works may license and prescribe the terms for the construction of said bridge, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary in section fourteen of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws, or elsewhere.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of meeting the cost of the construction of the bridge referred to in section one said city of Gloucester may borrow from time to time such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Gloucester Bridge-water Street Reconstruction Loan, Act of 1946. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than five years from their date. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be within the statutory limit, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, including the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof. The proceeds of loans issued hereunder shall be expended by the city solely for the purpose stated in section one.

SECTION 3. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a vote of the city council of the city of Gloucester, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved May 10, 1946.*

*Chap. 290* AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN PAYMENTS BY THE COUNTY  
TREASURER OF ESSEX COUNTY.

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

The action of the county treasurer of the county of Essex in making certain payments to Harold B. Williams for certain services rendered by said Williams as deputy sheriff acting as court officer between January fifteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and February eighth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, notwithstanding that he was legally ineligible to receive such compensation, is hereby validated.

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