

take such action as they may deem necessary to acquire property, personnel and equipment for the establishment and operation of the said branch of the Massachusetts State College.

SECTION 4. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to impair the powers now possessed by the trustees appointed under said section twenty of said chapter fifteen with reference to the Massachusetts State College.

SECTION 5. No person shall be matriculated after September first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven at the branch of the Massachusetts State College established by this act.

Approved June 14, 1946.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAKING EFFECT IN THE CITY OF BOSTON OF A CERTAIN LAW REGULATING THE HOURS OF DUTY OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN CERTAIN CITIES AND TOWNS.

Chap. 597

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the acts of the current year is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— If a majority of the votes cast on said question is in the affirmative, said section fifty-eight B of said chapter forty-eight shall take effect in said city ninety days thereafter.

Approved June 14, 1946.

AN ACT VALIDATING THE ACTION OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY AUTHORITIES IN PURCHASING CERTAIN FUEL AND PAYING FOR THE SAME IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONTRACT.

Chap. 598

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The action of the county commissioners of Plymouth county in purchasing certain fuel between April first and June tenth in the current year in the absence of a contract required by section seventeen of chapter thirty-four of the General Laws, and the action of the county treasurer of said county in making payments for said fuel, is hereby validated.

Approved June 14, 1946.

AN ACT MAKING MANDATORY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL AND DISTRICT DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS' SERVICES, UNDER DIRECTORS OF VETERANS' SERVICES, AND RELATIVE TO THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF SUCH DEPARTMENTS AND DIRECTORS.

Chap. 599

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would in part defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately available to returning Massachusetts veterans of World War II and to other veterans, advice and counsel to enable such veterans to obtain without delay the employment, vocational,

Emergency preamble.

educational, hospitalization, pension and other benefits to which they may be entitled, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 115, new sections 10 to 14, added.
Local departments of veterans' services.

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end under the caption LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF VETERANS' SERVICES, the five following sections:— *Section 10.* The mayors of cities and the selectmen of towns, other than cities and towns which become a part of a district as authorized by the second paragraph of this section, shall cause to be established and maintained in their respective cities and towns a department for the purpose of furnishing such information, advice and assistance to veterans as may be necessary to enable them to procure the benefits to which they are or may be entitled relative to employment, vocational or other educational opportunities, hospitalization, medical care, pensions and other veterans' benefits. Each department so established and maintained shall be known as the department of veterans' services, and the officer in charge thereof shall be known as the director of veterans' services. Such director and any assistant or deputy director appointed under this section or section eleven shall be a veteran and shall be appointed in a city by the mayor, with the approval of the city council, and in a town by the selectmen.

Two or more adjoining towns each having a population of less than five thousand, or, with the written consent of the commissioner in each instance, two or more adjoining towns of which only one has a population of five thousand or over, or two or more adjoining municipalities only one of which is a city and only one of which has a population of five thousand or over, may, in a city by vote of the city council thereof, and in a town by vote of the selectmen thereof, form a district for the purposes set forth in the first paragraph of this section, including the appointment and compensation of a director of veterans' services, for the enforcement therein of such purposes and of such other provisions of law as it may be his duty to enforce. Any constituent city or town by vote may withdraw from the district at the end of any fiscal year of such city or town if such withdrawal is voted in the manner aforesaid not less than thirty days prior to the end of such fiscal year and notice of such vote is filed with the other municipalities comprising the district.

The director of veterans' services of each district established under authority of the preceding paragraph shall, under the direction of the district board referred to in section eleven, perform the duties of his office in each of the municipalities comprising his district.

The treasurer of one of the municipalities comprising such district, designated by the district board thereof, shall be treasurer of the district and shall give to the district a bond,

with a surety company authorized to transact business in the commonwealth as surety, for the faithful performance of his duties as treasurer of the district in such sum and upon such conditions as said district board may require. The district treasurer shall disburse the money received under the provisions of section eleven upon warrants approved by the district board.

Section 11. In every district established under authority of section ten there shall be a board composed of the mayor of such city, if any, as may be included in the district and the chairman of the board of selectmen of each of the towns, included in said district, which board shall appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove the director of veterans' services of said district; may appoint, fix the salary of, and remove, a deputy or assistant to such director, if in the opinion of said board such an officer is necessary; may determine the expenses of said director and deputy or assistant and of the department under his charge and apportion the same among the several municipalities comprising such district on the basis of the taxable valuation of said municipalities as last established by the general court as a basis of apportionment for state and county taxes; and shall promptly thereafter notify the treasurers of said municipalities of such apportionment. Every city or town treasurer so notified shall, annually in December, certify the amount of such apportionment to the board of assessors of his municipality, who shall include such amount in the tax levy of the following year.

Director of veterans' services, appointment, etc.

Upon order of the district board the city or town treasurer of each of the constituent members of the district shall from time to time pay to the district treasurer a sum or sums not exceeding, in the aggregate, the amount certified by the board as its respective share of the costs and expenses of the district. In case a city or town becomes a member of a district at a time when it is too late to permit an assessment as provided by sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, such city or town may appropriate and pay to the district treasurer an amount representing its proportionate share of the expense of the district for the period ending December thirty-first in the year in which such city or town becomes a member of the district.

Section 12. In each city, and in each town not included in a district established under section ten, and in each such district, there shall be in the department of veterans' services an unpaid advisory board to be appointed, in cities by the mayor, in towns by the board of selectmen, and in districts by the district board. Said advisory board shall render such assistance to the director of veterans' services of the municipality or district relative to the provisions of this chapter, except as to sections one to nine, inclusive, as said director may request. The commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to formulate and publish rules and regulations establishing in a general manner the types of persons,

Local advisory boards in departments of veterans' services.

with respect to their occupations, professions and special skills, who may be appointed to such unpaid advisory boards. Every such advisory board shall consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen residents of the city, town or district, as the case may be.

Duties of department.

Section 13. Said departments shall acquire and have on hand copies of current booklets and other printed matter pertaining to the statutory rights of veterans provided under state and federal laws. They may call at any time upon any department, board, division or commission of the commonwealth for such assistance as may be necessary in carrying out their functions. They shall also work in close co-ordination with existing federal agencies established for the aid of such veterans, and they shall enlist the support of hospitals within their respective communities or districts for carrying out the purposes of sections ten to fourteen, inclusive.

Local departments to be under direction of commissioner.

Section 14. Departments established and maintained under sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, shall be under the general direction of the commissioner, and they shall be physically located independently of, and separate and apart from, any other public or private agency, board, bureau, social agency or society, except a department or agency disbursing aid or relief or veterans' benefits under this chapter.

Temporary provisions.

SECTION 2. Any provision of section ten or section eleven of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, inserted by section one of this act, to the contrary notwithstanding, the person in a city authorized by the city charter or by ordinance or vote of the city council, and in a town authorized by vote of the selectmen, to disburse aid or relief or veterans' benefits under said chapter shall, upon the effective date of this act, become the director of veterans' services for such city or town and shall serve as such until other provision is made under authority of said section ten; provided, that, if such person on said effective date is not a veteran, as such term is defined by section one of said chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, and has unlimited tenure of office or is serving for a definite term, he may be retained in office as such director until he is removed for cause, or until the expiration of such term, as the case may be; except that if a person was appointed as director of veterans' services in any city, town or district, under the provisions of chapter seven hundred and twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, as amended, such person shall be deemed to have been appointed under the provisions of sections ten to fourteen, inclusive, of said chapter one hundred and fifteen and any appropriations made under the provisions of said chapter shall be available and may be expended for the purposes of said sections ten to fourteen, inclusive. Such person shall have all of the powers and duties and shall be subject to all of the provisions of said sections ten to fourteen, inclusive.

SECTION 3. Chapter seven hundred and twenty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, as amended, is hereby repealed. Repeal.
Approved June 14, 1946.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE JUSTICE AND CLERK OF THE BOSTON JUVENILE COURT. Chap. 600

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section seventy-six of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter five hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the current year, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— The salary of the justice of the Boston juvenile court shall be six thousand dollars, and that of the clerk of said court an amount equal to seventy-five per cent of the salary of the justice, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 76.* The salary of the justice of the Boston juvenile court shall be six thousand dollars, and that of the clerk of said court an amount equal to seventy-five per cent of the salary of the justice. The salary of the justice of the East Boston district court shall be fifty-six hundred dollars, the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the South Boston district shall be fifty-six hundred dollars, the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the Brighton district shall be fifty-six hundred dollars and the salary of the justice of the municipal court of the Charlestown district shall be fifty-six hundred dollars. The salaries of the justices of the following district courts shall severally be as follows: First district court of Barnstable, twenty-seven hundred dollars; second district court of Essex, twenty-four hundred dollars; second district court of Plymouth, thirty-two hundred dollars; third district court of Plymouth, twenty-five hundred dollars; fourth district court of Plymouth, twenty-five hundred dollars; district court of Peabody, three thousand dollars; district court of eastern Hampshire, twenty-one hundred dollars; district court of Newburyport, three thousand dollars. G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 76, etc., amended.
Salary of justice and clerk of Boston juvenile court established.
Approved June 14, 1946.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HEALTH TO SELL CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH IN THE CITY OF WORCESTER. Chap. 601

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Subject to the approval of the governor and council, the commissioner of mental health in the name and on behalf of the commonwealth is hereby authorized to sell to private interests at such price as he may finally determine but not less than the assessed valuation thereof, a triangular piece of land at the intersection of Belmont and Shrewsbury streets, opposite the main entrance to the Worcester state