

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND RECORDING OF THE VOTE AT CERTAIN ELECTIONS. Chap. 95

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 105 of chapter 54 of the General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 54, § 105, etc., amended.

The clerk in open meeting shall publicly announce the result of the vote and enter on the total vote sheet, which shall be considered the precinct record, the total number of names of voters checked on the voting lists, the total number of ballots cast, the names of all persons voted for, the number of votes for each person and the title of the office for which he was a candidate, the number of blank ballots for each office, and the number of affirmative and negative votes in answer to any question submitted to the voters, and shall forthwith certify such record, seal up the same, and deliver it, outside of the ballot container or envelope but in a separate sealed envelope, to the city or town clerk, who shall forthwith enter it in his records; provided, that if voting machines are used, the general or precinct record sheet, as the case may be, shall be the record referred to in this paragraph.

Announcement of result, etc.

Approved February 27, 1947.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE REGISTRAR OF MOTOR VEHICLES AS THE "APPROPRIATE PUBLIC AUTHORITY" IN THE PAYMENT OF ANNUITIES TO DEPENDENTS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE REGISTRY OF MOTOR VEHICLES KILLED OR DYING FROM INJURIES RECEIVED OR HAZARDS UNDERGONE IN THE PERFORMANCE OF DUTY. Chap. 96

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The third paragraph of section 89 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 326 of the acts of 1936, is hereby further amended by striking out, in lines 9 and 10, the words "in the department of public works, the commissioner of public works" and inserting in place thereof the following: —, the registrar of motor vehicles, — so as to read as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 32, § 89, etc., amended.

The words "appropriate public authority", as used in this section, shall mean, as to a member of the police or fire force or a forest warden of a city, the mayor and city council; as to a member of the police or fire force or a forest warden of a town, the selectmen; as to a member of the department of public safety doing police duty, the commissioner of public safety, with the approval of the governor and council; as to an investigator or examiner of the registry of motor vehicles, the registrar of motor vehicles, with like approval; as to an inspector of the department of labor and industries, the commissioner of labor and industries, with like approval; as to a prison officer of the state prison, the state prison colony, the Massachusetts reformatory, the state farm, or

"Appropriate public authority" defined.

the reformatory for women, the commissioner of correction, with like approval; and as to a prison officer of a jail or house of correction, the sheriff and county commissioners of the county, except in the county of Suffolk, where the public authority as to prison officers of the jail shall be the sheriff and the mayor of Boston, and, as to prison officers of the house of correction, the penal institutions commissioner and the mayor of Boston, and, as to said technical employees, the commissioner or chairman of their respective department or division, with the approval of the governor and council.

Approved February 27, 1947.

Chap. 97 AN ACT FURTHER POSTPONING THE TAKING EFFECT OF CERTAIN LAWS PROVIDING FOR BILLS OF EXCEPTIONS IN PROBATE PROCEEDINGS AND IN SUITS IN EQUITY.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The principal purpose of this act is to postpone further the taking effect of certain provisions of law contained in section one of chapter four hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five and in section one of chapter five hundred and thirty of the acts of said year and the delayed taking effect of this act would prevent the achievement of such 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:

SECTION 1. Chapter 469 of the acts of 1945 is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 610 of the acts of 1946, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 2.* This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

SECTION 2. Chapter 530 of the acts of 1945 is hereby amended by striking out section 2, as most recently amended by section 2 of said chapter 610, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 2.* This act shall take effect on July first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

Approved February 27, 1947.

Chap. 98 AN ACT AUTHORIZING SAVINGS BANKS TO MAKE CERTAIN DIRECT-REDUCTION LOANS ON REAL ESTATE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 168, § 54, etc., amended.

Clause First of section 54 of chapter 168 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 256 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by inserting after subdivision (f) the following subdivision:—

Mortgage investments of savings banks. Limits.

(g) A loan secured by a first mortgage of real estate located in the commonwealth, or in a state contiguous to the commonwealth and within a radius of twenty-five miles of the main office of the savings bank making the loan, except real estate referred to in subdivision (b) hereof, not exceed—