

AN ACT APPORTIONING REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SEVERAL COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND ESTABLISHING BOARDS OF SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS TO DIVIDE SUCH COUNTIES AS ARE ENTITLED TO MORE THAN ONE REPRESENTATIVE INTO REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS AND TO ASSIGN REPRESENTATIVES THERETO.

Chap. 182

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 57 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 4, as amended by section 1 of chapter 467 of the acts of 1939, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 4.* The two hundred and forty members of the house of representatives are apportioned to the several counties, as existing at the time as of which the special enumeration of legal voters in the municipalities thereof was taken in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, agreeably to the constitution, until the next decennial apportionment, as follows: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 57, § 4, etc., amended.
Representatives apportioned to the several counties.

COUNTY.	Number of Representatives.
Barnstable	2
Berkshire	7
Bristol	18
Dukes	1
Essex	29
Franklin	3
Hampden	19
Hampshire	4
Middlesex	54
Nantucket	1
Norfolk (excluding Cohasset)	19
Plymouth (including Cohasset)	10
Suffolk	46
Worcester	27

SECTION 2. In each county of the commonwealth, except the counties of Dukes and Nantucket, there is hereby established a bi-partisan board of special commissioners to divide such county, as existing at the time as of which the special enumeration of legal voters in the municipalities thereof was taken in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, into representative districts and to assign representatives thereto, which board shall consist of five persons, residents of the county, to be appointed by the governor as soon as may be after the effective date of this act; provided, that for all purposes of said division and assignment the town of Cohasset, in the county of Norfolk, shall be considered a

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part of the county of Plymouth. As soon as may be after the qualification of its members, each such board shall organize by the choice of one member as chairman and by the appointment of a secretary, and shall notify the state secretary of the address to which to send the certification required to be made by him under Article XXI of the Amendments of the Constitution, as appearing in Article LXXI of said Amendments. In the county of Suffolk, such board shall assemble in Boston, and in each such county other than Suffolk the board shall assemble at a shire town of its county, within the time required by said Article XXI, as so appearing, shall proceed to divide such county into representative districts, and shall assign representatives thereto, in accordance with said Article, and shall make return thereof as therein required, and, in addition, to the registrars of voters or other body having similar powers and duties in each city and town in such county, as soon as may be, but not later than October first in the current year. Each such county, except Suffolk, and in Suffolk county the city of Boston, shall provide the board for such county with a suitable office and room for hearings. Each such board may expend for the services of a secretary and for clerical assistance, stationery, travel and other incidental expenses, such sum or sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, five hundred dollars, as may be approved by the governor and council. Bills for said expenses shall be approved by a majority of the members of the board and transmitted to the comptroller for certification. Expenses so incurred shall be paid in the first instance by the commonwealth, subject to appropriation, and, within thirty days following the close of the fiscal year of the commonwealth during which any such bill for expenses shall be so approved and transmitted, the comptroller shall certify to the state treasurer the amount thereof so paid in each county where any such expense has been incurred. Said treasurer shall forthwith certify to the county commissioners of each such county, except Suffolk, a sum equal to the amount so paid therein and said commissioners, upon receipt of the certificate of said treasurer, shall levy the same as a part of the county tax for the next succeeding year in addition to any amounts otherwise authorized by the general court. The county commissioners, except in Suffolk county, shall forthwith issue an order on the county treasurer for the payment of the said sum and the county treasurer shall forthwith make payment thereof to said state treasurer from any available funds. The state treasurer shall also, forthwith upon receipt of the certificate as aforesaid from the comptroller, certify to the city of Boston a sum equal to the amount so paid in Suffolk county and said city shall, upon receipt of said certificate of the state treasurer, make payment of said sum to the state treasurer from any available funds in the treasury of the city of Boston.

division of a county into representative districts and the assignment of representatives thereto under section two of this act. Every such petition shall be filed in court within thirty days after the filing of the report of such division and assignment, unless the court, for cause shown, extends the time.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage; Effective date. and the existence of each board established by section two hereof shall terminate when the purposes for which such board was so established have been fully accomplished.

Approved March 18, 1947.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WOBURN TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING LAND FOR, AND OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING, SCHOOL BUILDINGS. Chap. 183

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of acquiring land for, and of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing, school buildings, the city of Woburn may borrow from time to time within a period of three years from the passage of this act such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Woburn School Loan, Act of 1947. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than twenty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit and shall, except as provided therein, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, inclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 21, 1947.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE TO MABEL B. WARD OF BROOKLINE BY THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS OF CERTAIN LAND IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER. Chap. 184

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Trustees of Public Reservations, incorporated by section one of chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-one, is hereby authorized to convey to Mabel B. Ward of Brookline a parcel of land abutting on Prospect avenue in the town of Andover, consisting of three and one half acres, owned by said corporation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 21, 1947.