

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said chapter 302 is hereby amended by striking out, in line 7, the word "fifty-two" and inserting in place thereof the word: — eighty-eight, — so that the first sentence will read as follows: — Other than the officers designated in section three as town meeting members at large, the representative town meeting membership shall in each precinct consist of the largest number divisible by three which will admit of a representation of all precincts by an equal number of members and which will not cause the total elected town meeting membership to exceed two hundred and eighty-eight.

SECTION 3. The provisions of said chapter three hundred and two shall be applicable to said precincts one and eight when established, except as herein provided.

SECTION 4. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of the town of Belmont at any annual town meeting. The vote shall be taken by ballot in precincts in accordance with the provisions of the General Laws, so far as the same shall be applicable, in answer to the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used at said meeting for the election of town officers: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act authorizing the division of precinct one in the town of Belmont into two precincts', be accepted by this town?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved March 31, 1947.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE GOVERNOR TO EXECUTE RETROACTIVE LEASES BETWEEN THE COMMONWEALTH AND CERTAIN AGENCIES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND TO TAKE ACTION TOWARDS THE COLLECTION OF RENT FOR CERTAIN PROPERTY.

*Chap. 213*

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

The governor is hereby authorized to execute retroactive leases between the commonwealth and the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and between the commonwealth and the War Assets Administration for the period between September sixteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-five, and January first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, covering the following described premises situated in the town of Natick: — A plot of land consisting of 32.22 acres, more or less, as outlined on a certain plan of "Commonwealth Depot Motor Repair Park, scale — one inch equals eighty feet, March 1942", which plan by reference thereto is made a part hereof, together with the buildings on such land, known as Building No. 1, containing one hundred and two thousand and ten square feet of floor area; Building No. 2, containing twenty-six thousand square feet of floor area; an unloading building, containing eighteen hundred square feet of floor area; six magazine buildings, containing in all nine hundred

and thirty-two square feet of floor area; the lubritorium building, containing nine hundred and eighty-five square feet of floor area; together with the subsurface fifteen thousand-gallon tank with two surface gasoline pumps; the paint shop, containing twenty-two hundred square feet of floor area; and the garage building, containing sixty thousand square feet of floor area; and the governor is hereby further authorized to sign all other papers and do all other things necessary to collect the amounts of rent due to the commonwealth from the federal government, or any agency thereof, for the use and occupation of said premises between the aforementioned dates.

*Approved March 31, 1947.*

**Chap. 214** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO INVEST CERTAIN TRUST FUNDS IN MORTGAGES ON REAL ESTATE.

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

Notwithstanding the provisions of section fifty-four of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section twenty-four of chapter three hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-six, the city of Worcester may invest trust funds, including cemetery perpetual care funds, unless otherwise provided or directed by the donor thereof, in mortgages on real estate under the same terms and conditions as are set forth in clause First of section fifty-four of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Laws.

*Approved March 31, 1947.*

**Chap. 215** AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE EXEMPTION FROM THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW OF CERTAIN PERSONS EMPLOYED TO PARTICIPATE IN ORGANIZED PROFESSIONAL ATHLETICS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 152, § 1, etc., amended.

The first paragraph of paragraph (4) of section 1 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 369 of the acts of 1945, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commerce" in the fourth line the following:—, persons employed to participate in organized professional athletics, while so employed, if their contracts of hire provide for the payment of wages during the period of any disability resulting from such employment, — so as to read as follows:— "Employee", every person in the service of another under any contract of hire, express or implied, oral or written, excepting masters of and seamen on vessels engaged in interstate or foreign commerce, persons employed to participate in organized professional athletics, while so employed, if their contracts of hire provide for the payment of wages during the period of any disability resulting from such employment, persons employed by an employer engaged in interstate or foreign commerce but only so far as the laws of the United States provide for

"Employee" defined.