

by demolition, condemnation and effective closing as part of the project as far as is reasonably practicable without discrimination against persons living in other sub-standard areas within the same city or town. For all purposes of this chapter, no person shall, because of race, color, creed or religion, be subjected to any discrimination.

Approved February 11, 1948.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING ANY MUNICIPALITY TO REDETERMINE FROM TIME TO TIME THE FIXED UNIFORM RATE CHARGED TO ABUTTERS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF SEWERS.

Chap. 52

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to permit municipalities to re-determine from time to time, especially at forthcoming town meetings, the fixed uniform rate which abutters shall pay for sewers, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency
preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 83 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 15 the following new section:— *Section 15A*. Any city at any meeting of the proper municipal authority, or any town at a town meeting, may, from time to time, redetermine the uniform rate fixed under section fifteen, or under any special law, and charged to the abutters for the construction of sewers.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 83, new § 15A, added. Municipalities may redetermine rates to be charged to abutters for construction of sewers.

SECTION 2. This act shall not apply to assessments levied prior to its effective date.

Application

Approved February 12, 1948.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF SUDBURY TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING A SCHOOL BUILDING.

Chap. 53

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of constructing and originally equipping and furnishing a new school building, the town of Sudbury may borrow, from time to time within a period of five years from the passage of this act, such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, four hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Sudbury School Building Loan, Act of 1948. 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, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, ex-

clusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

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

Approved February 12, 1948.

Chap. 54 AN ACT MAKING SMALLER GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE FOR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 133, cl. (a), etc., amended.

Group life insurance defined.

Clause (a) of section 133 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 346 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 1, the word "fifty" and inserting in place thereof the word:— twenty-five, — so as to read as follows:— (a) not less than twenty-five employees, with or without medical examination, written under a policy issued to the employer, the premium on which is to be paid by the employer or by the employer and employees jointly, and insuring only all of his employees, or all of any class or classes thereof determined by conditions pertaining to the employment, or by duration of service in which case no employee shall be excluded if he has been for one year or more in the employ of the person taking out the policy, or for such period longer than one year as may be required by any pension plan under or in connection with which the policy is taken out, for amounts of insurance based upon some plan precluding individual selection, and for the benefit of persons other than the employer, provided, that when the premium is to be paid by the employer and employees jointly and the benefits of the policy are offered to all eligible employees, not less than seventy-five per cent of such employees may be so insured, or not less than forty per cent if each employee belonging to the insured group has been medically examined and found acceptable for ordinary insurance by an individual policy;

Approved February 12, 1948.

Chap. 55 AN ACT CHANGING THE TIME FOR THE HOLDING OF BIENNIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF TAUNTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 448 of the acts of 1909 is hereby amended by striking out section 1, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 1.* Beginning with the year nineteen hundred and forty-nine, biennial municipal elections in the city of Taunton for the choice of mayor, members of the municipal council and members of the school committee shall be held biennially on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in every odd numbered year.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its ac-