

to obligations of telephone companies, of companies engaged primarily in the distribution and sale of electricity or gas, or both, or of railroad companies other than terminal companies.

Approved March 9, 1948.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING ADDITIONS TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS. Chap.125

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Worcester may, within a period of five years from the passage of this act, incur indebtedness in an amount not exceeding one million dollars for constructing additions to school buildings where such additions increase the floor space of said buildings including the cost of original equipment and furnishings of said additions, and may issue bonds or notes therefor which shall bear on their face the words, Worcester School Addition Loan, Act of 1948. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be payable in not more than twenty years from their dates but no loan shall be authorized under this act unless a sum equal to an amount not less than ten per cent of the loan so authorized is voted for the same purpose to be provided from taxation or available revenue funds of the year when authorized. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the amount authorized by chapter two hundred and eleven of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and sixteen, as amended by chapter one hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty, and in excess of the amount authorized by chapter forty-four of the General Laws. Except as provided herein indebtedness incurred under this act shall be subject to the applicable provisions of said chapter forty-four exclusive of the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

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

Approved March 12, 1948.

AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROVIDING ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS. Chap.126

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The sums herein set forth, for the purposes herein specified, are hereby appropriated from the Veterans' Services Fund, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the approval thereof.

Service of the Department of Education.

Item:	University of Massachusetts:	
3513-65	For the construction of two cement block dormitories, including the purchase and installation of furnishings and equipment	\$350,000 00

3513-66	For the construction of a building to replace the engineering building recently destroyed by fire including furnishings, equipment and supplies	\$120,000 00
3513-67	For veterans' educational supplies	20,000 00

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 12, 1948.

Chap.127 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF BILLERICA TO ACT AS A BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS EXERCISING THE POWERS OF CERTAIN OTHER BOARDS AND TOWN OFFICERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 221 of the acts of 1930 is hereby amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 3.* On the filing of a petition signed by not less than ten per cent of the registered voters of the town of Billerica with the selectmen thirty days or more before any annual town meeting the selectmen shall cause the following question to be printed on the ballot used for the election of town officers:— “Shall the selectmen of this town continue to act as a board of public works as provided by chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty?” If a majority of the votes cast at said election is in the negative in answer to said question, said town shall, at the next annual town meeting, elect such officers as are necessary to carry out the duties exercised in accordance with this act by the selectmen or officers appointed by them.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 12, 1948.

Chap.128 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT TO RETIRE A CERTAIN MEMBER OF ITS FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The retirement board of the city of Newburyport, with the approval of the mayor and city council, may retire on account of accidental disability, under the contributory retirement system of said city, Edward A. Butler, a member of its fire department, who was injured on March third, nineteen hundred and thirty-five while in the performance of his duties, notwithstanding that such injuries were incurred prior to the time when said retirement system became operative.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved March 12, 1948.