

by a majority of the voters of the town of Templeton present and voting thereon at a town meeting called for the purpose within four years after its passage; but the number of meetings so called in any year shall not exceed three.

*Approved May 21, 1948.*

**Chap.354** AN ACT REQUIRING REGISTERS OF PROBATE TO NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE CREATION OR INCREASING OF CERTAIN ESTATES OR FUNDS FOR CHARITABLE AND OTHER PURPOSES, AND REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE TO NOTIFY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE FAILURE OF CERTAIN CHARITABLE CORPORATIONS TO FILE CERTAIN ANNUAL REPORTS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 217, § 19, amended.

SECTION 1. Section 19 of chapter 217 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "welfare" in line 4 the words:— and to the attorney general,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 19.* Whenever any instrument creating or increasing an estate or fund for benevolent, charitable, humane or philanthropic purposes is filed for record in a registry of probate, the register shall forthwith send to the department of public welfare and to the attorney general a statement setting forth the book and page in the registry where the instrument is recorded, with the name, if any, of the estate or fund, and further stating by whom said estate or fund has been created or increased, and by whom it is to be administered.

Register of probate to send notice of charitable, etc., trusts to the department of public welfare and to attorney general.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 180, § 12, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Section 12 of chapter 180 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 24 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— If any corporation subject to this section fails for two successive years to file said report, the department shall report the fact to the attorney general with its recommendation as to action, and, on information in equity by the attorney general, the supreme judicial court or the superior court, after notice and hearing, may decree a dissolution of the corporation.

Dissolution for failure to file annual reports.

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**Chap.355** AN ACT TO PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWNS FOR BUILDING AND MAINTAINING WATER HOLES AND CISTERNS FOR FIRE PROTECTION.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 40, § 11, etc., amended.

Section 11 of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended by section 9 of chapter 490 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "zones" in line 11 the words:— and building or maintaining water holes or cisterns for fire protection purposes.

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