

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DEPOSIT BY THE STATE TREASURER OF PUBLIC MONEYS IN HIS POSSESSION. *Chap. 396*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make possible forthwith temporary deposits of receipts from tax collections, therefore it 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 34 of chapter 29 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 333 of the acts of 1936, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "surplus", in line 10, the words: — ; provided, that said limit may be exceeded for the purpose of the temporary deposit for not more than fifteen days of receipts from tax collections in a bank or trust company located on the same premises as the office of the collection section of the department of corporations and taxation. G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 29, § 34, etc., amended.

Approved May 27, 1948.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SEWER ASSESSMENTS IN THE TOWN OF AYER. *Chap. 397*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Within six months after the passage of this act, the town of Ayer may by vote determine by which of the methods referred to or authorized by the provisions of section seven of chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one the remaining portion of the cost of the system or systems of main drains and common sewers authorized to be constructed or constructed in accordance with the provisions of said chapter two hundred and fifty-five, as amended by chapter two hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-five, shall be provided for, and the sewer commissioners of said town may determine the value of the benefit or advantage to every parcel of real estate in the town, beyond the general advantage to all real estate therein, from the construction heretofore of any sewer, drain or system of sewage disposal or extension of any existing sewer or drain or from the doing of any other work authorized by the provisions of said chapter two hundred and fifty-five, or any act in amendment thereof or in addition thereto, shall cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds of the district in which said town is situated a statement of their action with reference to such construction, which shall specify the public ways in which such sewer or drain is located, and may assess on every such parcel a proportionate share of such part, not exceeding three fourths, as said commissioners shall deem just, of the expenses incurred by the town for the improvements aforesaid; provided, that no assessment on any parcel of real estate shall exceed the value of such special benefit to that parcel, and provided further, that if any real estate determined to

be specially benefited as aforesaid has been alienated between the date of such construction and the date of passage of this act, said town shall assume the assessments thereon. Every assessment made hereunder upon any such parcel, except one assumed by the town as aforesaid, shall constitute a lien on such parcel from the date of recording of the statement aforesaid. Except as herein otherwise provided, the provisions of general law shall apply to such assessments.

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

Approved May 27, 1948.

Chap. 398 AN ACT PERMITTING SPECIAL JUSTICES OF DISTRICT COURTS, INCLUDING THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON, TO PERFORM EACH OTHER'S DUTIES WHEN NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 40, amended.

Justices and special justices of the district courts may perform each other's duties.

SECTION 1. Section 40 of chapter 218 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:— Justices of district courts, except the municipal court of the city of Boston, may perform each other's duties when necessary or convenient, and special justices of district courts, including the municipal court of the city of Boston, may perform each other's duties when necessary or convenient, provided that no special justice of a district court other than of the municipal court of the city of Boston shall sit in said municipal court except upon the request of the chief justice thereof.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 52, amended.

Special justices may sit in special or regular sessions in certain instances.

SECTION 2. Section 52 of said chapter 218, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "justice", in line 6, the words:— of the court or, with the assent of the chief justice, of any other district court, — so that the third sentence will read as follows:— A special justice of the court or, with the assent of the chief justice, of any other district court may hold any such additional session at the request of the chief justice or senior associate as aforesaid, or a regular session at the request of the justice whose duty it may be to hold it, or, in case of the illness or absence of any justice, or a vacancy, at the request of any justice.

Approved May 27, 1948.

Chap. 399 AN ACT RELATIVE TO LICENSES TO OPERATE MOTOR VEHICLES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 90, § 8, etc., amended.

License valid for two years.

SECTION 1. Section 8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 284 of the acts of 1937, is hereby further amended by striking out the next to the last sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:— All licenses issued to operators shall be valid for two years only from the date of issue.