

AN ACT VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE *Chap.427*  
BYFIELD WATER DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. The acts and proceedings of the Byfield water district, at its meetings held on the twenty-eighth day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, and on the nineteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, and all acts and proceedings of the said district and of its officers done in pursuance thereof, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if the said meetings had been called, and held and conducted, in strict compliance with law.

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

*Approved May 28, 1948.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWTON TO BORROW *Chap.428*  
MONEY FOR CONSTRUCTING PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

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

SECTION 1. For the purposes of acquiring land for and constructing one or more public buildings, or constructing additions to existing public buildings, and originally equipping and furnishing the same, the city of Newton 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 million dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Newton Public Buildings 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 herein provided, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, including the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

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

*Approved May 28, 1948.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF QUINCY TO APPROPRIATE *Chap.429*  
MONEY FOR THE PAYMENT OF, AND TO PAY, CERTAIN UNPAID BILLS.

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

SECTION 1. The city of Quincy is hereby authorized to appropriate money for the payment of, and after such appropriation the treasurer of said city is hereby authorized to pay, such of the unpaid bills incurred by said city and totalling ninety-one hundred and thirty-eight dollars and twenty-four cents, as set forth in the list on file in the office of the director of accounts in the department of corporations and taxation, as are legally unenforceable against said city,

either by reason of their being incurred in excess of available appropriations or by reason of the failure of said city to comply with the provisions of its charter, and as are certified for payment by the heads of the departments wherein the bills were contracted; provided, that the money so appropriated to pay such bills shall be raised by taxation in said city.

SECTION 2. No bill shall be approved by the city auditor of said city for payment or paid by the treasurer thereof under authority of this act unless and until certificates have been signed and filed with said city auditor, stating under the penalties of perjury that the goods, materials or services for which bills have been submitted were ordered by an official or an employee of said city, and that such goods and materials were delivered and actually received by said city or that such services were rendered to said city, or both.

SECTION 3. Any person who knowingly files a certificate required by section two which is false, and who thereby receives payment for goods, materials or services which were not received by or rendered to said city, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not more than three hundred dollars, or both.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 28, 1948.*

*Chap. 430* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF MARINE FISHERIES TO INVESTIGATE AND STUDY METHODS FOR THE TREATMENT OR PURIFICATION AND THE PROPAGATION OF SHELLFISH, AND TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR SUCH PURPOSES.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas,* The existing conditions in the shellfish industry make it urgent that the provisions of this act become effective without delay, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and convenience.

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

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 130, § 20,  
etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section 20 of chapter 130 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 598 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by adding at the end the two following paragraphs: —

Director may  
contract with  
agencies for  
research in the  
treatment,  
purification,  
etc., of shellfish.

The director, in the operation of any plant for the treatment or purification or propagation of shellfish, is hereby authorized and directed to investigate and study methods for the treatment or purification of shellfish taken from areas determined under section seventy-four to be contaminated. The director, in the course of such investigation, shall confer with the state department of public health and may expend for expert, clerical and other services and expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefor. The director shall, before exercising the authority to assist and co-operate as provided in this section, receive the advice