

twelve and shall accept the provisions of this act prior to July first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, in the case of such a city by vote of the city council subject to the provisions of its charter, and in the case of such a town by vote of the town at a town meeting, notwithstanding any provision of said paragraph to the contrary.

SECTION 2. Nothing in this act shall be interpreted to exclude any person from becoming a member of a contributory retirement system, nor shall it permit any person who is a member of such system to withdraw therefrom.

SECTION 3. The secretary of the commonwealth shall, on or before October first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight, send to each city or town clerk and to each mayor or board of selectmen a notice that the provisions of this act relative to the pensioning of foremen, inspectors, mechanics, draw tenders, assistant draw tenders and storekeepers, may be accepted not later than July first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine.

*Approved June 8, 1948.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GROVELAND BRIDGE, SO CALLED, OVER THE MERRIMACK RIVER BETWEEN THE CITY OF HAVERHILL AND THE TOWN OF GROVELAND.

*Chap. 516*

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

SECTION 1. The department of public works is hereby authorized to reconstruct, of such type and dimensions and in such location as it may determine, Groveland bridge, so called, over the Merrimack river, now located between Groveland street in the city of Haverhill and the junction of Main and Park streets in the town of Groveland, including the approaches thereto. Subject to the laws of the United States, said bridge may be constructed either with or without a draw.

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

*Approved June 9, 1948.*

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE SALARY OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

*Chap. 517*

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is in part to permit forthwith a salary adjustment, 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 1. Section 2 of chapter 22 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 32 of chapter 591 of the acts of 1946, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line five, the word "seven" and inserting in place thereof the word: — eight, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* Upon the expiration of the term of office of a commissioner,

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 22, § 2, etc., amended.

Salary of commissioner of public safety.