

his successor shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, for five years. The commissioner shall receive such salary, not exceeding eight thousand dollars, as the governor and council determine.

Effective date.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of July first in the current year.

Approved June 9, 1948.

Chap.518 AN ACT MAKING RETROACTIVE TO JULY FIRST, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN THE EXISTING LONGEVITY PROGRAM, SO CALLED, FOR EMPLOYEES OF COUNTIES, EXCEPT SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide without delay additional income for certain county employees in view of the increase in the cost of living, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Except in the county of Suffolk, the county personnel board and the county commissioners are hereby authorized and directed to make retroactive to July first, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the longevity program, so called, for certain county employees, which was in effect on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-eight.

Approved June 9, 1948.

Chap.519 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WATER SUPPLY OF THE COHASSET WATER COMPANY, AND ITS PURCHASE AND OPERATION BY THE TOWN OF COHASSET.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 128 of the acts of 1886 is hereby amended by inserting after section 9 the following section: — *Section 9A.* Said town shall have the right, with the consent of said corporation and its stockholders and subject to written approval of the town counsel of said town, to purchase all the outstanding capital stock, common and preferred, of said corporation for the sole purpose of dissolving and liquidating said corporation and immediately acquiring by transfer all its franchise, corporate property, rights, powers and privileges. Such purchase may but need not necessarily be conditioned upon the stockholder or stockholders paying any excess of current liabilities over current assets, discharging its tax liability, and assuming all other liabilities fixed or contingent.

SECTION 2. The vote of the town of Cohasset passed on the second day of March, nineteen hundred and forty-six under article eleven of the warrant for the annual town meeting for said year is hereby ratified, validated and con-