

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of said town at the annual town meeting in the current year in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: "Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Placing of the Office of Chief of the Fire Department of the Town of Plymouth under the Civil Service Laws', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise. *Approved January 24, 1945.*

*Chap.* 3 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REMOVAL FROM CIVIL SERVICE OF THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF AUBURN.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-eight is hereby repealed, and the provisions of section one thereof shall no longer apply to the office of chief of police of the town of Auburn or to any incumbent of said office.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Auburn at the annual town meeting in the current year in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting:—"Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-five, entitled 'An Act providing for the removal from civil service of the office of chief of police of the town of Auburn', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved January 24, 1945.*

*Chap.* 4 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BOSTON AND THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE AFFAIRS OF SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provisions of general law, of any special act relating to the city of Boston or of any ordinance of said city, the president of the city council of said city in office on the effective date of this act, hereafter in this act called the president, or any successor in said office in the event of his death or resignation from said city council, hereafter in this act called his successor, shall exclusively, during the period beginning with said effective date and ending on the date of qualification of the person first elected by popular vote after said effective date to the office of mayor of said city, possess all the rights and powers,

perform all of the duties and be subject to all of the obligations of mayor of said city, subject, however, to the following provisions: —

(a) The president and his successor, if any, while exercising the rights and powers and performing the duties of mayor under any provision of this act, shall be entitled to compensation at the same rate as that prescribed by city ordinance for the mayor of said city, but shall not, during said period, be entitled to any compensation as a member of the city council; provided, that the president shall be entitled to such compensation from January fourth, nineteen hundred and forty-five;

(b) Nothing in this act shall be deemed to derogate from the powers and duties of the president or his successor in his capacity as president and a member of said city council or affect his tenure as such president or member;

(c) While the president or his successor is unable, because of absence or other cause, to exercise the powers, rights, duties and obligations conferred and imposed upon him by this act, or while there is no president of the city council, the city clerk shall exercise and perform such powers, rights, duties and obligations; provided, that he shall exercise and perform the same only in matters not admitting of delay and that in no event shall he have power to make permanent appointments. While serving as acting mayor under this act, the city clerk shall receive no extra compensation as such acting mayor.

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

*Approved January 25, 1945.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF WALPOLE TO PAY A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO THE LOVETT CORPORATION. Chap. 5

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

SECTION 1. The town of Walpole is hereby authorized to appropriate the sum of four hundred and twenty-three dollars and sixty-six cents and pay the same to The Lovett Corporation in full settlement of its claim against said town for reimbursement on account of money expended by said corporation in connection with the construction of water works in Calvert road, a private way in said town which has since been accepted as a public way; provided, that no payment shall be made hereunder unless and until said The Lovett Corporation shall have released to said town, by proper instrument or instruments, all right, title and interest said corporation may have in said works.

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

*Approved January 29, 1945.*