

*Chap. 178* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF CERTAIN ELECTION DISTRICTS IN THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS.

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

SECTION 1. The wards established by the city council in the city of North Adams in the year nineteen hundred and forty-four, as authorized by section one of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws, shall be used for all primaries and elections held in said city; and for such purposes election officers shall be appointed and voting lists shall be prepared and all other things required by law shall be done in accordance with the lines of the wards so established, notwithstanding the provisions of section four of said chapter fifty-four; provided, that upon any subsequent redivision of the city into wards under said section one, the provisions of said section four shall apply thereto.

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

*Approved March 30, 1945.*

*Chap. 179* AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT MESSENGER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF HIS SALARY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section seventy-six the following new section:— *Section 76A.* The justices of the superior court may appoint an assistant messenger of said court sitting in and for the county of Suffolk. His salary shall be established by said justices and shall be paid by said county. Sections forty-nine to fifty-six, inclusive, of chapter thirty-five shall not apply to said assistant messenger.

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

*Approved March 30, 1945.*

*Chap. 180* AN ACT PRESCRIBING TERMS AND CONDITIONS WHICH SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH BEFORE PARDONING FELONIES.

Emergency  
preamble.

*Whereas*, Contentions were made prior to the adoption of Article LXXIII of the amendments to the constitution, authorizing the general court to prescribe terms and conditions to be complied with before pardoning felonies, that certain existing provisions of law relative to pardons, contained in chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the General Laws and its amendments, constituted interference by the legislative with the executive department, and

*Whereas*, Doubt may arise as to the effect to be given said existing statutory provisions of law after the adoption of said article of amendment, and the possibility of such

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 221,  
new § 76A,  
added.

Assistant  
messenger  
of Suffolk  
superior  
court.

Effective  
date.