

tered voter at the time of entering such service his name shall be restored to the list and entered in the annual register of voters. Upon the entering of such name in the annual register and the subsequent printing of all voting lists while such person remains in the armed services of the United States there shall be printed on such lists of voters after the name thereof in every instance the letter "S" or some other appropriate identifying mark establishing the fact that such person is in such armed services.

SECTION 2. This act shall be operative during the existence of the present war between the United States and any foreign country and for six months after the termination thereof.

*Approved May 7, 1943.*

*Chap. 254* AN ACT TO EXTEND THE PROVISIONS OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM IN THE CITY OF SALEM TO EMPLOYEES OF THE SALEM AND BEVERLY WATER SUPPLY BOARD.

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

SECTION 1. On July first, nineteen hundred and forty-three, employees of the Salem and Beverly water supply board may become members of the contributory retirement system of the city of Salem. Said employees shall have all the rights and obligations provided under sections twenty-six to thirty-one H, inclusive, of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, as appearing in section one of chapter three hundred and eighteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six and as subsequently amended, which they would have had if said retirement system of said city of Salem had become operative on said date.

SECTION 2. The retirement board of the city of Salem shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in the year nineteen hundred and forty-four, certify to the Salem and Beverly water supply board the amounts payable by it to the various funds of the contributory retirement system of said city on account of the employees of said water supply board for the period beginning on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-three, and ending on the thirty-first day of December, nineteen hundred and forty-four, and thereafter shall, on or before the fifteenth day of January in each year, so certify amounts so payable for the year beginning on the first day of January in said year. The sums so certified shall be paid to the funds of said system in the same manner as provided by section three of chapter seven hundred of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirteen for the payment of other expenses of said water supply board.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 10, 1943.*

*Chap. 255* AN ACT TO ABROGATE THE MINIMUM WAGE COMPACT, SO CALLED.

*Whereas,* The general court, by chapter three hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-

four did approve and ratify a compact "for establishing uniform standards for conditions of employment, particularly with regard to the minimum wage, in states ratifying the same," said compact being usually known as the Minimum Wage Compact, which was formulated by commissioners and delegates from seven states at Concord, New Hampshire, on the twenty-ninth day of May, nineteen hundred and thirty-four; and

*Whereas*, The said compact was subsequently ratified in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-five by the state of New Hampshire and in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-six by the state of Rhode Island, and the consent of the congress of the United States was given thereto by public resolution fifty-eight of the seventy-fifth congress, which was approved by the president of the United States on the twelfth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven; and

*Whereas*, The field of operation of the said compact was fully occupied by federal legislation known as the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act or the Federal Wage and Hour Law, soon after the consent of the congress to said compact was given, and said federal legislation and the administration thereof, supported by decisions of the supreme court of the United States and of inferior federal courts, has made said compact inoperative and of no effect; and

*Whereas*, The governor of the state of New Hampshire has given notice to the governor of this commonwealth and the governor of the state of Rhode Island, under date of the twenty-eighth day of July, nineteen hundred and forty-one, that New Hampshire desires to withdraw from said compact; and

*Whereas*, The commissions established by this commonwealth and the state of Rhode Island have agreed that the compact should be abrogated, and the governor of this commonwealth, under date of December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-two, has notified the governors of New Hampshire and Rhode Island of the desire of this commonwealth to withdraw from said compact; and

*Whereas*, It is desirable that said compact be abrogated at an early date, and it appears that this can be done by agreement of all three states parties thereto without delaying until the expiration of the two-year period of notice specified in said compact; and

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act beyond the effective date specified herein would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience; Now therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The compact heretofore described, entitled "Compact for establishing Uniform Standards for Conditions of Employment, particularly with Regard to the Minimum Wage, in States ratifying the Same," usually known as

the Minimum Wage Compact, whereof a copy is on file in the office of the state secretary, is hereby abrogated on the part of the commonwealth of Massachusetts.

SECTION 2. Section twenty-five of chapter nine of the General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter four hundred and four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect, conformably to the constitution, if and when legislation to abrogate said compact, substantially similar to this act, becomes effective in both the states of New Hampshire and Rhode Island or in one of said states, if in the meantime the other has withdrawn from said compact. The state secretary, forthwith upon the effective date of this act, shall send a certified copy thereof to the governor of each of said states.

*Approved May 10, 1943.*

**Chap. 256** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE FREE LUNCHESES FOR CERTAIN UNDERNOURISHED AND NEEDY PUPILS.

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

The school committee of the city of Boston is hereby authorized to provide free lunches for undernourished and needy children attending its public schools.

*Approved May 10, 1943.*

**Chap. 257** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF THE PRESENT THIRD ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF EAST NORFOLK.

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

SECTION 1. Any provision of general law to the contrary notwithstanding, the salary of the present third assistant clerk of the district court of East Norfolk shall be equal to sixty per cent of the salary of the clerk of said court.

SECTION 2. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by the county commissioners of Norfolk county, but not otherwise.

*Approved May 10, 1943.*

**Chap. 258** AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE SALARIES OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCILLORS OF THE CITY OF LYNN.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and forty of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen is hereby amended by striking out section seventeen, as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 17.* The mayor shall receive in full compensation for all services to