

read as follows: — *Section 13.* In computing the period of five years of continuous service required under section forty-nine A of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws of an incumbent of a municipal office who has entered said military or naval service and returns to said office within one year after the termination of said service, the period between his entry into said service and his return to said office shall be counted.

In computing the period of five years of continuous service required by section thirty-six of chapter forty-eight of the General Laws as a prerequisite to the promotion of a call man, part call man or substitute call man to the permanent force of a fire department, the time such call man, part call man or substitute call man has served in such military or naval service or the merchant marine shall be counted.

Approved May 26, 1943.

AN ACT CORRECTING REFERENCES TO THE FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATOR IN CERTAIN GENERAL AND SPECIAL LAWS. Chap. 339

Whereas, The title of the federal official formerly known as federal housing administrator has been changed to federal housing commissioner and the deferred operation of this act would in part tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately effective provisions of law recognizing such change of name, therefore this act 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:

Whenever in any general or special law reference is made to the federal housing administrator, such reference shall be deemed and held to refer to such administrator, to the federal housing commissioner, and to the successor or successors of either of said officers.

Approved May 27, 1943.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REIMBURSEMENT OF THE TOWN OF BURLINGTON FOR CERTAIN MONEYS EXPENDED BY IT FOR WELFARE AID. Chap. 340

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of reimbursing the town of Burlington for moneys expended by it from the twenty-ninth day of May, nineteen hundred and twenty-four, to the fourth day of August, nineteen hundred and thirty-six, both dates inclusive, for welfare aid, which sum was not repaid to said town by reason of the failure of the officials to make due application therefor, the state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the state treasury to said town, subject to appropriation and to the approval of the department of public welfare, the sum of five hundred and fourteen dollars and twenty-one cents.

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

Approved May 27, 1943.