

SECTION 7. Cities and towns are hereby authorized, during the continuance of the existing state of war between the United States and any foreign country, to enter into contracts for the use and occupation by the United States of any properties, real or personal, owned or held by them.

Approved January 31, 1942.

AN ACT ESTABLISHING IN THE COMMONWEALTH DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME, SO CALLED, COINCIDING WITH SUCH TIME AS ESTABLISHED BY THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES. *Chap. 5*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which in part is to put in effect in this commonwealth daylight saving time, so called, coinciding with such time as established by the congress of the United States, therefore it 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:

SECTION 1. At two o'clock ante-meridian of the ninth day of February of the current year, the standard time in this commonwealth shall be advanced one hour, so that the resulting time will be the same as the standard time for the time zone wherein the commonwealth is situated as advanced under an act of congress, entitled "An Act to promote the National Security and Defense by Establishing Daylight Saving Time", approved January 20, 1942. At two o'clock ante-meridian of the day on which the standard time for the time zone wherein this commonwealth is situated shall be returned by operation of federal law to the mean astronomical time of the degree of longitude governing the standard time for such zone, the standard time in this commonwealth shall be returned to said mean astronomical time; provided, that if the standard time in this commonwealth, as advanced under this act, would under the foregoing provisions be returned to said mean astronomical time between two o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in April and two o'clock ante-meridian of the last Sunday in September in any year, said standard time, as so advanced, shall be returned to said mean astronomical time at two o'clock ante-meridian of said last Sunday in September. In all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations relating to the time of performance of any act by any officer, department or commission of the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or district thereof, or relating to the time in which any rights shall accrue or determine, or within which any act shall or shall not be performed by any person subject to the jurisdiction of the commonwealth, and in all the public schools and in all institutions of the commonwealth, or of any county, city, town or district thereof, and in all contracts or choses in action made or to be performed in the commonwealth, it

shall be understood and intended that the time shall be the standard time in this commonwealth as advanced under this act.

SECTION 2. While the standard time in this commonwealth, as advanced under section one, is in effect, section ten of chapter four of the General Laws shall be inoperative; and thereafter said section ten shall have full force and effect.

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Chap. 6 AN ACT TERMINATING THE EXISTENCE OF THE MASSACHUSETTS EMERGENCY COMMISSION AND TRANSFERRING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES TO THE GOVERNOR'S COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to provide immediately for more simplified control of defense measures during the existing state of war, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The existence of the Massachusetts emergency commission is hereby terminated, and the powers and duties of said commission shall hereafter be exercised and performed by the governor's committee on public safety, which is hereby authorized to act by and through an executive committee chosen by it in such manner as it may determine. The executive director of said governor's committee shall file with the state secretary a list of the members of said executive committee as constituted from time to time. All members and employees of said governor's committee shall be citizens of the United States or of an allied nation.

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Chap. 7 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE WITHHOLDING FROM THE COMPENSATION PAYABLE TO EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OR ANY OF ITS POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF AMOUNTS DESIGNATED BY SUCH EMPLOYEES FOR THE PURCHASE FOR THEM OF UNITED STATES DEFENSE BONDS.

Emergency
preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to encourage the immediate purchase of United States Defense Bonds by certain public employees, 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:

The treasurer or other official having charge of the pay rolls of the commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions may withhold on each pay day such amount of the compensation of any employee on such pay roll as may be specified