

preceptors and teachers of incorporated academies; registered practicing physicians and surgeons; persons over seventy years of age; persons under twenty-five years of age; members of the volunteer militia; members of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; superintendents, officers and assistants employed in or about a state hospital, insane hospital, jail, house of correction, state industrial school or state prison; keepers of lighthouses; conductors and engine drivers of railroad trains; teachers in public schools; enginemen and members of the fire department of Boston, and of other cities and towns in which such exemption has been made by vote of the city council or the inhabitants of the town, respectively. *Approved February 10, 1936.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORFOLK TO RECEIVE AND ADMINISTER THE PROPERTY OF THE NORFOLK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION IN SAID TOWN, SUBJECT TO JUDICIAL DECREE AS AFFECTING TRUST PROPERTY. *Chap. 26*

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

SECTION 1. Norfolk Cemetery Association, a corporation duly incorporated under general law and situated in the town of Norfolk, may, by deed executed by the treasurer, and three trustees or a majority thereof, of the corporation thereunto duly authorized, convey and transfer to said town, and said town is hereby authorized to receive, and thereafter to hold and maintain, but for cemetery purposes only, and subject to all rights heretofore existing in any burial lots, the real and personal property of the corporation not subject to any trust, and thereupon, and upon the transfer of trust funds as hereinafter provided, the corporation shall be dissolved; and the cemetery of the corporation shall be and become a public burial place, ground or cemetery.

SECTION 2. In so far as authorized by the decree of a court of competent jurisdiction and in compliance with the terms and conditions of such decree, said town may receive from said corporation a conveyance and transfer of, and administer, all funds or other property held by it in trust for the perpetual care of the lots in its cemetery and for other purposes, and also any property devised or bequeathed to said corporation under the will of any person living at the time of said transfer or conveyance or under the will of any deceased person not then probated. Interest and dividends accruing on funds deposited in trust with any savings bank, under authority of section thirty-seven or thirty-eight of chapter one hundred and sixty-eight of the General Laws, or with any other banking institution, for the benefit of the corporation, or of any lots in its cemetery, may, after such conveyance and transfer are authorized by such decree, be paid by such bank or institution to the treasurer of said town; and upon such payment said

treasurer, under the direction of the cemetery commissioners of said town, shall use the same for the purposes specified in such decree.

SECTION 3. All real and personal property, and property rights, acquired by said town from the corporation under authority of section one shall be held and managed by said town in the same manner in which cities and towns are authorized by law to hold and manage property for cemetery purposes; provided, that all rights which any persons have acquired in its cemetery or any lots therein shall remain in force to the same extent as if this act had not been passed and such transfer had not occurred. The records of the corporation shall be delivered to the clerk of said town, and such clerk may certify copies thereof.

SECTION 4. This act shall take full effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the registered voters of the town of Norfolk present and voting thereon at the annual town meeting of said town to be held in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-six, or at a special town meeting called for the purpose to be held prior to December thirty-first, nineteen hundred and thirty-six.

*Approved February 10, 1936.*

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*Chap. 27* AN ACT PLACING THE OFFICE OF CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE TOWN OF NORFOLK UNDER THE CIVIL SERVICE LAWS.

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

SECTION 1. The office of chief of police of the town of Norfolk shall, upon the effective date of this act, become subject to the civil service laws and rules and regulations relating to the appointment and removal of police officers in towns, and the tenure of office of any incumbent thereof shall be unlimited, subject, however, to such laws; provided, however, that Douglas Rockwood, the present incumbent of said office, may continue to serve as such without taking a civil service examination.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted 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 thirty-six entitled 'An Act placing the office of chief of police of the town of Norfolk under the civil service laws', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question are in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved February 10, 1936.*