

Vacancies.

elected, as the case may be, in the manner above provided, to serve for a term of three years, and until the qualification of his successor. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member of either such class for any cause other than the expiration of his term of office, a successor to such member shall be appointed or elected, as the case may be, in the manner above provided, for the unexpired term.

*Approved June 28, 1938.*

*Chap. 465* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT BY CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE EXPENSE OF THE FUNERAL AND BURIAL OF CERTAIN POOR AND INDIGENT PERSONS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 117, new section 18A, added.

Payment of funeral, etc., expenses of certain poor persons.

Chapter one hundred and seventeen of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section eighteen, as amended, the following new section:— *Section 18A*. In case of the decease of a poor and indigent person over the age of twelve years, the town liable for his burial shall pay for the expense of the funeral and burial of such person the sum of one hundred dollars; provided, that the deceased left no estate and that his kindred are unable to pay for his decent burial; and provided, further, that the funeral director engaged in conducting the funeral and burial of said deceased person shall perform the services and furnish the materials in connection therewith as follows:— removal of body; procuring of death certificate and burial permit; embalming and dressing of body; furnishing suitable burial garment; furnishing suitable casket, bearing metal plate with name of deceased engraved thereon; furnishing outer case of pine wood; furnishing hearse for transporting body of the deceased to a cemetery within a distance of ten miles; furnishing conveyance for transporting to such cemetery the immediate family of the deceased; and procuring of a clergyman, of the religion that the deceased professed, to officiate at the funeral.

*Approved June 28, 1938.*

*Chap. 466* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF NORWOOD TO BORROW MONEY FOR HIGH SCHOOL PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. For the purposes of constructing an addition to its senior high school and originally furnishing and equipping said addition, the town of Norwood may borrow from time to time, within a period of five years from the effective date of this act, such sums of money as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, two hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Norwood Senior High School Loan, Act of 1938; and may expend in addition thereto, or in conjunction therewith, any federal funds allocated to said town for said purposes. Each authorized issue shall con-

stitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid in not more than twenty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory limit, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of said town at any town meeting held within three years after its passage, in the form of the following question which shall be placed, in case of an annual meeting, upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers, or, in case of a special meeting, upon the ballot to be used at such meeting: "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and thirty-eight, entitled 'An Act authorizing the Town of Norwood to Borrow Money for High School Purposes', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, then this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

*Approved June 28, 1938.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF BONDS TO BE EXECUTED BY CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE.

*Chap. 467*

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

Section four of chapter one hundred and eighteen A of the General Laws, as appearing in section one of chapter four hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six, is hereby amended by striking out, in the fifth and in the eleventh lines, the word "two" and inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word: — three, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 4.* The ownership of an equity in vacant land from which no income is derived or in real estate upon which an applicant actually resides shall not disqualify him from receiving assistance under this chapter; provided, that if such equity, computed on the basis of assessed valuation, exceeds three thousand dollars in each of the five years immediately preceding his application, the board of public welfare of the town rendering such assistance, or the bureau of old age assistance established by such board, shall, through the appropriate town official, require such applicant to execute a bond in a penal sum at least equal to the amount of the equity in excess of three thousand dollars, running to the treasurer of the town, conditioned on repayment to such town of all amounts of such assistance, without interest, such bond to be secured by mortgage of the applicant's real estate. Every such bond and mortgage shall be forthwith entered for record in the proper registry of deeds or registry district of the land court, as the case may be, and the register of deeds or assistant recorder of the land court shall thereupon record or register such bond and mortgage without fee. Out of the

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 118A, § 4, etc., amended.

Ownership of property not to disqualify applicants for old age assistance.