

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.

proceeds realized by the town from any such bond and mortgage or from the estate of a person granted assistance under this chapter, or both, the federal government, through the commonwealth, shall be reimbursed to an amount not exceeding the amount contributed by it in such case and the remainder shall be apportioned between the commonwealth and the town furnishing the assistance in proportion to the amounts of their respective contributions.

*Approved June 28, 1938.*

*Chap. 468* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF ESSEX TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO CERTAIN PARTS OF FOX HILL BRIDGE, SO CALLED, AND TO RECONSTRUCT SAID BRIDGE AND ITS APPROACHES.

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

SECTION 1. The county of Essex, acting through its county commissioners, hereinafter called the commissioners, is hereby authorized to purchase from the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, and said company to sell to said county, for the sum of one dollar the title in fee simple to so much of the Fox Hill bridge, so called, crossing the Saugus river at Western avenue in the city of Lynn and in the town of Saugus, hereinafter called the bridge, as is now owned by said company. After such purchase and sale said company shall have no claim against said county, said city, said town or the commonwealth on account of the bridge or anything done in connection therewith.

SECTION 2. After said county has acquired full title to the bridge, the commissioners are authorized, subject to the provisions of all laws which may be applicable, to reconstruct the bridge as they deem necessary to accommodate highway traffic, both on that portion of the bridge now used for such traffic and that set aside for railway purposes and, with the approval of the state department of public works, to reconstruct the approaches from the state highway at each end of the bridge; and, in connection with the reconstruction of the bridge and its approaches, to make any necessary changes in width, type of roadway, surface, gates and other appurtenances and any necessary alterations or additions to the operating equipment of the bridge.

SECTION 3. The costs and expenses incurred under this act shall not exceed the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars and shall be paid in the first instance by the county of Essex. The commissioners may borrow by a temporary loan or loans, on the credit of said county, such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate, said amount, as may from time to time be required for the costs and expenses aforesaid, including interest, and may issue notes of said county therefor bearing interest or discounted as may be deemed advisable, and the treasurer of said county may sell such notes at public or private sale upon such terms and conditions as the commissioners may deem proper. Notes issued under authority of this section may be renewed from time to time for such