

thereto, in which the voter may insert the name of any person not printed on the ballot for whom he desires to vote for such office. If the approval of any question is submitted to the voters, it shall be printed on the ballot after the names of the candidates.

Ballots shall be so printed as to give to each voter an opportunity to designate by a cross (X), in a square at the right of the name and designation of each candidate, and at the right of each question, his choice of candidates and his answer to such question; and upon the ballots may be printed such directions as will aid the voter; for example, "vote for one", "vote for two", "yes", "no", and the like. On the back and outside of each ballot when folded shall be printed the words "Official Ballot for", followed by the designation of the voting precinct or town for which the ballot is prepared, the date of election, and a facsimile of the signature of the officer who has caused the ballot to be prepared.

*Approved April 5, 1932.*

*Chap. 136* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHANGING BY BUSINESS CORPORATIONS OF SHARES OF STOCK WITH PAR VALUE TO SHARES OF STOCK WITHOUT PAR VALUE.

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

G. L. 156, § 41, amended.

Increase or reduction of capital stock may be authorized, etc.

Chapter one hundred and fifty-six of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section forty-one and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 41.* Every corporation may, at a meeting duly called for the purpose, by the vote of a majority of all its stock, or, if two or more classes of stock have been issued, of a majority of each class outstanding and entitled to vote, authorize an increase or a reduction of its capital stock and determine the terms and manner of the disposition of such increased stock, or authorize such terms and manner of disposition to be determined in whole or in part by the board of directors or officers of the corporation, may authorize a change of the location of its principal office or place of business in this commonwealth or a change of the par value of the shares of its capital stock, or may authorize proceedings for its dissolution under section fifty of chapter one hundred and fifty-five. Such increased stock may in whole or in part be disposed of without being offered to the stockholders. Any corporation having authorized shares with par value may, at a meeting duly called for the purpose, by the vote of a majority of all its stock, or, if two or more classes of stock have been issued, of a majority of each class outstanding and entitled to vote, including in any event a majority of the outstanding stock of each class affected, change such shares or any class thereof into any number of shares without par value, or provide for the exchange thereof pro rata for any number of shares without par value; provided, that the preferences, voting

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powers, restrictions and qualifications of the outstanding shares so changed or exchanged shall not be otherwise impaired or diminished without the consent of the holders thereof; and provided, further, that the total authorized capital stock of such corporation shall not be less than one thousand dollars, for this purpose counting shares without par value as of a par value of one hundred dollars each.

*Approved April 5, 1932.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX TO PAY COMPENSATION FOR THE DEATH OF JOHN F. WEBER, CAUSED BY AN EMPLOYEE AT THE WALDEN POND STATE RESERVATION.

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

SECTION 1. For the purpose of discharging a moral obligation, the county of Middlesex is hereby authorized to pay to the parents of John F. Weber, a minor, who was accidentally killed July eighteenth, nineteen hundred and thirty-one, by being struck by a motor boat operated by an employee of said county while in the discharge of his duty at Walden Pond State reservation, a sum not exceeding six thousand five hundred dollars, in full and complete discharge of all liability or obligation of the county or of the commonwealth resulting from such accident.

Middlesex county may pay compensation for the death of John F. Weber, caused by an employee at the Walden Pond State reservation.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance, during the current year, by the commissioners of said county.

Effective upon acceptance.

*Approved April 5, 1932.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO CO-OPERATE WITH THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN THE REVISION OF UNITED STATES SURVEY MAPS OF CERTAIN AREAS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY SAID DEPARTMENT RELATIVE TO NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would defeat its primary purpose, which is to provide immediate relief in the present unemployment emergency, 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. The department of public works is hereby authorized and directed to co-operate with the United States geological survey in the revision and improvement of the United States geological and topographical survey maps covering such areas of the commonwealth as may be agreed upon. The commonwealth's portion of the cost of the work herein provided for shall be met by contributions from individuals, associations or corporations, which contributions said department is hereby authorized to receive.

Department of public works may co-operate with the United States geological survey in the revision of United States survey maps of certain areas, etc.