

of total creditable service be less than an amount which, added to his annuity, shall make his total retirement allowance equal to three hundred dollars per annum.

Approved March 12, 1930.

Chap. 110 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PAYMENT OF SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 115, § 17,
etc., amended.

Soldiers' relief
for certain
persons in
military or
naval service,
etc., and for
their de-
pendents.

Section seventeen of chapter one hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, as amended by chapter three hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-seven and by chapter one hundred and sixty of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, is hereby further amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 17.* If a person who served in the army or navy of the United States in the war of the rebellion, in the army, navy or marine corps in the war with Spain or the Philippine insurrection between April twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and July fourth, nineteen hundred and two, or in the army, navy or marine corps in the world war and received an honorable discharge from all enlistments therein, and who has a legal settlement in a town in the commonwealth, becomes poor and wholly or partly unable to provide maintenance for himself, his wife or minor children under sixteen years of age or for a dependent father or mother, unless such condition is the result of his own criminal or wilful misconduct, or if such person dies leaving a widow or minor children under sixteen years of age, or minor children over sixteen but under eighteen years of age who attend school or are incapacitated for work, or a dependent father or mother without proper means of support, such support as may be necessary shall be accorded to him or his said dependents by the town where they or any of them have a legal settlement, and his said dependents, in the case of his death, shall not be deemed ineligible to receive said support by reason of criminal or wilful misconduct on his part at any time during his lifetime; but should such person have all the said qualifications except settlement, if he served in the war of the rebellion, or in the army, navy or marine corps in the war with Spain or the Philippine insurrection between said dates, his widow, who has acquired a legal settlement in her own right before August twelfth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, which settlement has not been defeated or lost, or if he served in the world war and at the time of his decease was a legal resident of this commonwealth, his widow, who has a legal settlement and who has not remarried, and his minor children under sixteen years of age, and those over sixteen but under eighteen years of age who attend school or are incapacitated for work, shall also be eligible to receive relief under this section. Such relief shall be furnished by the aldermen or selectmen, or, in Boston, by the soldiers' relief commis-

sioner, subject, however, to the direction of the city council of said city as to the amount to be paid. The beneficiary shall receive said relief at home, or at such other place as the aldermen, selectmen or soldiers' relief commissioner deem proper, but he shall not be compelled to receive the same at an infirmary or public institution unless his physical or mental condition requires, or, if a minor, unless his parents or guardian so elect.

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AN ACT GIVING PREFERENCE IN EMPLOYMENT IN THE CLASSIFIED LABOR SERVICE OF CITIES AND TOWNS, TO PERSONS WITH DEPENDENTS.

Chap 111

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, 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:

Until May fifteenth in the current year, the commissioner of civil service, on receipt of a requisition from the head of any department, board or commission of a city or town for temporary laborers in the classified labor service, shall, in certifying eligible applicants for positions in such service, give preference to persons so eligible who have one or more persons dependent upon them for support; provided, that in giving such preference veterans having such dependents shall be preferred over other persons so eligible for employment and having such dependents. Employment under this act shall not be continued beyond the period named in the requisition, which period shall not exceed three months.

Preference in employment in classified labor service of cities and towns to persons with dependents.

Proviso.

Approved March 13, 1930.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SESSIONS OF THE PROBATE COURT IN HAMPDEN COUNTY.

Chap.112

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section sixty-two of chapter two hundred and fifteen of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter one hundred and eighty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-nine, is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph contained in lines thirty-three to thirty-six, inclusive, as printed in the General Laws, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

G. L. 215, § 62, etc., amended.

Hampden, at Springfield, every Wednesday of each month except the fourth Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November and the first, second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of August; at Holyoke, the fourth Wednesdays of January, March, May, July, September and November.

When and where courts are held.

Hampden county.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of April in the current year.

Effective date.

Approved March 13, 1930.