

and members of boards in charge of departments, and except that a school teacher shall be retired on the thirty-first day of August following his attaining the age of seventy.

SECTION 3. Section ten of said chapter five hundred and twenty-one, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and twenty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the twenty-second and twenty-third lines, the words "the average annual compensation received by him" and inserting in place thereof the words: — his average annual regular compensation, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 10.* Upon retirement for superannuation a member of the retirement system shall receive a retirement allowance consisting of:

1922, 521, § 10, etc., amended.

(a) An annuity which shall be the actuarial equivalent of his accumulated deductions at the time of his retirement, and

Allowances upon retirement for superannuation.
Annuity.

(b) A pension equal to the annuity, and

Pension.

(c) If a member was an employee at the time the system was established and became a member within one year thereafter and has not since become a new entrant, an additional pension having an actuarial value equivalent to twice the contributions which he would have made during his prior service had the system then been in operation, together with regular interest thereon and

Additional pension, when.

(d) If the retirement allowance provided under the foregoing clauses of this section for a member who has been an employee for fifteen years or more would otherwise be less than four hundred and eighty dollars a year, an additional pension sufficient to make a total retirement allowance of four hundred and eighty dollars a year.

Total retirement allowance, when.

The total pension of any member payable under the provisions of this section shall not, except as provided in paragraph (d), exceed one half of his average annual regular compensation during the five years immediately preceding his retirement.

Maximum total pension.

SECTION 4. Any head of a city department or member of a board in charge of a city department who has declined membership in the Boston retirement system may be admitted to membership therein upon written application to the Boston retirement board at any time within sixty days after this act takes effect, and shall, after being so admitted, receive credit for prior service notwithstanding any provision of said chapter five hundred and twenty-one.

Admission to membership of certain city department heads, etc.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Boston, subject to the provisions of its charter; provided, that such acceptance occurs prior to December thirty-first in the current year.

Submission to city council, etc.
Proviso.

Approved April 14, 1924.

AN ACT TO EXCLUDE FROM CITY CAUCUSES OF POLITICAL PARTIES VOTERS ENROLLED IN ANOTHER POLITICAL PARTY. *Chap. 252*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section sixty-two of chapter fifty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof

G. L. 51, § 62, amended.

the following: — Said lists, if intended for use in the caucus of a political party held in a city, shall contain the party enrollment of voters whose names appear thereon established as provided in sections thirty-seven and thirty-eight of chapter fifty-three, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 62.* When a caucus is called, the registrars, on the request of the chairman of the ward or town committee of the party whose caucus is to be held or of the person designated to call the caucus to order, shall furnish him for use in the caucus a certified copy of the last published voting list of the town, or of the ward of the city for which the caucus is to be held, adding thereto the names of voters registered since such publication. Said lists, if intended for use in the caucus of a political party held in a city, shall contain the party enrollment of voters whose names appear thereon established as provided in sections thirty-seven and thirty-eight of chapter fifty-three.

Voting lists for use at caucuses.

Lists for caucuses of political parties to contain party enrollment of voters, etc.

G. L. 53, § 76, amended.

SECTION 2. Section seventy-six of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "party" in the tenth line the words: — , nor shall a voter who is enrolled under section thirty-seven or thirty-eight as a member of a political party be entitled to vote in the caucus of another political party held in a city while so enrolled, — and by inserting after the word "voter" in the same line the words: — , not hereinbefore disqualified, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 76.* Notices of caucuses shall apply to all members of the party calling them, and to them only. No person having voted in the caucus of one political party shall be entitled to vote or take part in the caucus of another political party within the twelve ensuing months; except that voting or taking part in the caucuses of any municipal party by any voter shall not affect his legal right to vote or to take part in the caucuses of any political party, for any other election, and having voted or taken part in the caucuses of a political party for any previous election, shall not affect his right to vote or take part in the caucuses of any municipal party, nor shall a voter who is enrolled under section thirty-seven or thirty-eight as a member of a political party be entitled to vote in the caucus of another political party held in a city while so enrolled. No voter, not hereinbefore disqualified, shall be prevented from voting or participating in any caucus if he takes the following oath, which shall be administered to him by the presiding officer of the caucus:

Caucuses open only to members of political party calling them.

City caucuses.

Voter may take oath.

Form of oath.

You do solemnly swear (or affirm) that you are a registered voter in this ward (or town) and have the legal right to vote in this caucus; that you are a member of the political party holding the same, and intend to vote for its candidates at the polls at the election next ensuing; and that you have not taken part or voted in the caucus of any other political party for twelve months last past.

Challenges.

Such voter may be challenged like any other voter. Any person whose right to vote is challenged for any cause recognized by law shall not be permitted to vote until he has taken the foregoing oath; and the clerk or secretary of the caucus shall make a record of the administration of said oath to every person

Oath by challenged voters, record, etc.

taking the same, which record shall state whether or not said person voted. The record shall be returned with the proceedings of said caucus and shall be prima facie evidence in any court that such person took said oath and voted in said caucus.

Approved April 14, 1924.

AN ACT PERMITTING DOMESTIC INSURANCE COMPANIES TO MAKE CERTAIN CHANGES IN THEIR CHARTERS.

Chap. 253

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section fifty and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 50.* A stock company, by a two thirds vote of all its stock entitled to vote, or a mutual company, by a two thirds vote of those members present and voting, at a meeting duly called therefor, may alter, add to or change, to the extent authorized by this chapter, the classes of insurance for the transaction of which it was incorporated, may change the location of its principal office or place of business in the commonwealth, or, in the case of a stock company, may increase or reduce the par value of the shares of its capital stock, which value shall be not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars. Articles of amendment, signed and sworn to by the president and secretary and a majority of the directors, setting forth such amendment or change and the due adoption thereof, shall, within thirty days after their adoption, be submitted to the commissioner, who shall examine them in the same manner and with the same powers as in the case of original articles of organization. If he finds that they conform to the requirements of law he shall so certify and endorse his approval thereon, and they shall thereupon be filed in the office of the state secretary, who, upon the receipt of a fee of five dollars, shall cause them and the endorsement thereon to be recorded, and said articles of amendment shall then be deemed to be a part of the charter or articles of organization of the company. No such amendment or change shall take effect until such articles of amendment have been filed in the office of the state secretary as aforesaid.

G. L. 175, § 50, amended.

Changes in domestic insurance company charters.

Change in classes of insurance, etc.

Change of location, etc.

Increase or reduction of par value of shares, etc.

Articles of amendment.

Fee.

When amendments, etc., take effect.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GIVING OF NOTICE OF HEARINGS AS TO THE GRANTING OF LICENSES TO KEEP, STORE, MANUFACTURE OR SELL GASOLINE AND CERTAIN OTHER FLUIDS AND ARTICLES.

Chap. 254

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter one hundred and forty-eight of the General Laws, as amended in section fourteen by section three of chapter four hundred and eighty-five of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out said section fourteen and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 14.* No building or other structure shall, except as provided in section fifteen, be used for the keeping, storage, manufacture or sale of any of the articles named in section ten, except

G. L. 148, § 14, etc., amended.

Licenses for storing, etc., explosives.