

RESOLVES.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL RELATIVE TO CERTAIN STATEMENTS MADE BEFORE A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON JANUARY FOURTEENTH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FORTY-SIX. *Chap. 1*

Resolved, That the attorney general is hereby authorized and directed to make a thorough investigation relative to certain statements made before the joint committee on education on January fourteenth, nineteen hundred and forty-six, as reported in the public press, that certain school teachers were swindled of money by a politician still in public life, to promote legislation for equal rates of pay for women and men teachers, for the purpose of ascertaining the truth or falsity of such statements and with a view to recommending such legislation as he may deem necessary or advisable.

The attorney general may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of books and papers before him relating to any matter investigated by him in pursuance of this resolve. Such a summons may be issued by the attorney general or by any of his assistants and shall be served in the same manner as summonses for witnesses in criminal cases issued in behalf of the commonwealth, and all provisions of law relative to summonses issued in such cases shall apply to summonses issued under authority of this resolve, so far as they are applicable. Such witnesses shall, before testifying, be sworn by the attorney general or by one of his assistants. Any justice of the supreme judicial or of the superior court may, upon application of the attorney general, compel the attendance of witnesses summoned as aforesaid and the giving of testimony before the attorney general in furtherance of any investigation under this resolve, in the same manner and to the same extent as before said courts. No person shall be excused from attending and testifying in the course of such investigation, or from producing any books, papers or documents, on the ground that his testimony or evidence, documentary or otherwise, may tend to criminate him or subject him to a penalty or forfeiture; but he shall not be prosecuted or subjected to penalty or forfeiture for or on account of any action, matter or thing concerning which he may be required to testify or produce evidence, documentary or otherwise, in the course of such investigation, except for perjury committed in such testimony.

The attorney general is hereby further directed to report to the general court the results of his investigations and his recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation

necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the house of representatives on or before February fifteenth in the current year.

For the purposes of such investigation there may be expended, subject to appropriation, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars. *Approved January 15, 1946.*

Chap. 2 RESOLVE VALIDATING THE ACTS OF ELIZABETH E. R. LEWIS OF BELMONT AS A NOTARY PUBLIC.

Resolved, That the acts of Elizabeth E. R. Lewis of Belmont as a notary public between July thirtieth, nineteen hundred and forty-two, and September twenty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-five, both dates inclusive, in so far as the same may have been invalid by reason of the fact that, upon the change of her name from Elizabeth E. Russ, and until said September twenty-first, nineteen hundred and forty-five, she failed to re-register under her new name and pay to the state secretary a fee of one dollar as required by section thirteen of chapter thirty of the General Laws, are hereby confirmed and made valid.

Approved February 18, 1946.

Chap. 3 RESOLVE VALIDATING CERTAIN ACTS OF THE VICTORY CO-OPERATIVE BANK OF CHELSEA.

Resolved, That all acts of the Victory Co-operative Bank of Chelsea, including the merger of said bank and the Chelsea Co-operative Bank, are hereby confirmed and made valid to the same extent as if at all times during its existence the said Victory Co-operative Bank had been legally performing its functions as a bank. *Approved February 25, 1946.*

Chap. 4 RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO THE EXISTING SHORTAGES OF FEED FOR LIVESTOCK AND OF NECESSARY SUPPLIES FOR FOOD PRODUCTION.

Whereas, The existing shortage of food products within the commonwealth has a serious effect on the health and well-being of all our citizens and is of great public concern; and

Whereas, The production of food within the commonwealth can, if properly encouraged, greatly relieve the deficiencies in food supply which now exist; and

Whereas, The present reduced supply of feed for livestock and of other supplies necessary for the production of food and the adoption of further reductions now proposed by federal agencies will definitely create greater shortages in milk, dairy products, eggs and poultry products as well as handicapped production of other Massachusetts-grown products; therefore be it

Resolved, That an unpaid special commission, to consist of one member of the senate to be designated by the presi-