

Chap. 758. AN ACT RELATING TO CONTRACTS BY CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 4 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following three paragraphs: —

For the construction of sewers, sewerage systems, and sewage treatment and disposal facilities, for making connections, thereto, and for the collection, treatment, and disposal of sewage, with one or more other governmental units as defined in section four A, for a period not exceeding thirty years, provided that such contract has been authorized by majority vote as defined in section one of chapter forty-four, and the terms thereof have been approved by the emergency finance board.

For the establishment or construction of such water supply, treatment and distribution facilities as cities, towns and districts are authorized to incur debt under the provisions of section eight of chapter forty-four, and for the maintenance and operation of such water supply, treatment and distribution facilities, with one or more other governmental units as defined in section four A. Such contracts may be for terms not exceeding twenty years, provided that the contract has been approved by majority vote as defined in section one of chapter forty-four, and the terms thereof have been approved by the emergency finance board.

For a supply of water to one or more governmental units as defined in section four A. Such contracts may be for terms not exceeding twenty years, provided that the contract has been approved by majority vote as defined in section one of chapter forty-four, and the terms thereof have been approved by the emergency finance board.

SECTION 2. The second sentence of the second paragraph of said section 4 of said chapter 40, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 2, the words “by the board of public welfare or”.

SECTION 3. Said section 4 of said chapter 40 is hereby further amended by striking out the paragraph added by chapter 621 of the acts of 1968 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

For the lease, or lease with an option to purchase, of data processing equipment. Contracts for such leases may be made for periods not exceeding five years.

SECTION 4. Said section 4 of said chapter 40 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph: —

This section, so far as apt, shall apply to districts.

SECTION 5. The first paragraph of section 4A of said chapter 40 is hereby amended by striking out the last sentence, as appearing in chapter 286 of the acts of 1966, and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — The words “governmental unit” as used herein shall mean a city or town, a regional school district, or a district as defined in section one A.

SECTION 6. Section 4B of said chapter 40, as most recently amended by section 1 of chapter 79 of the acts of 1967, is hereby further amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sentence: — Unless otherwise provided by by-law or special law in towns and districts, no contract for the purchase of equipment,

supplies or materials, the actual or estimated cost of which amounts to two thousand dollars or more, except in cases of special emergency involving the health or safety of the people or their property, shall be awarded unless proposals for the same have been invited by advertisement in at least one newspaper, if any, published in the town or district, otherwise in at least one newspaper of general circulation in the town or district, such publication to be at least one week before the time specified for the opening of said proposals.

SECTION 7. Section 1 of chapter 83 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the fifth paragraph, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 736 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

Any city, town or district may enter into agreements and contracts with the metropolitan district commission for the purpose of making connections and for the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage. No connection shall be made until the plans have been approved by the department of public health, and in instances within the metropolitan sewerage district until the contract and plans are approved by the metropolitan district commission. The word "district", as used in this paragraph, shall be construed, so far as apt, as it is defined in section one A of chapter forty.

Approved August 22, 1969.

Chap. 759. AN ACT PROHIBITING THE REPRODUCTION OF CERTIFIED COPIES OF CERTAIN RECORDS OF BIRTH, MARRIAGE OR DEATH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 19 the following section:—

Section 19A. Reproductions of certificates or records referred to in section nineteen by any person other than the town clerk, assistant clerk, secretary of state or one of his deputies shall be prohibited, except that a register of deeds, register of probate or other county, state, municipal or federal official keeper of public records may, in the course of his official duties, reproduce such certificates or records as are required in his office. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.

Approved August 22, 1969.

Chap. 760. AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NARCOTICS DIVISION IN THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE NORFOLK DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The district attorney of the Norfolk district is hereby authorized and directed to establish a narcotics division within his office, consisting of an investigating unit and an educational unit, for the investigation of the illegal sale and use of drugs and to inform the general public of the district, relative to the use and abuse of narcotics by the distribution of appropriate literature, the showing of educational motion pictures and the holding of seminars and lectures by experts. He may appoint two special investigators, one for each of said units, who shall each be