

under any general or special law (including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, sections eighty-nine and eighty-nine A of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws) by the commonwealth or by any county, city, town or district to any former employee, including any teacher, except teachers retired under section forty-three of chapter thirty-two of the General Laws, who was separated from the service by retirement prior to November first, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and at the time of such separation from the service had at least fifteen years creditable service, including any former employee retired because of accidental disability regardless of years of creditable service, or to any person claiming under any such former employee whether as beneficiary, dependent or otherwise, shall be increased by one hundred dollars; provided, that if the normal full annual amount of any such pension, retirement allowance, annuity or other benefit as so increased, payable to any such former employee who was separated from the service by superannuation retirement and at the time of retirement had attained the age of sixty and had at least twenty-five years of creditable service, or payable to any such former employee retired because of accidental disability regardless of years of creditable service, is less than twelve hundred dollars, it is hereby increased to twelve hundred dollars. All increases under this section shall be subject to the limitations contained in section two of this act.

Approved July 2, 1952.

Chap.537 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH OF A GAUGING STATION ON THE CANTON RIVER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The department of public health is hereby authorized and directed to install a gauging station on the Canton river, sometimes known as the East Branch of the Neponset river, in the town of Canton, in co-operation with the Geological Survey of the United States Department of the Interior, and may expend for such purpose such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Approved July 2, 1952.

Chap.538 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BROCKTON TO RETIRE AND PAY A PENSION TO CHARLES POSKUS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of promoting the public good, the city of Brockton is hereby authorized to retire and pay a pension to Charles Poskus, a city laborer, who is now totally and permanently disabled by reason of injuries sustained in the line of duty while employed as a laborer in the service of said city. The amount of such pension per annum shall equal one half of his annual rate of regular com-