

times in at least one newspaper having a general circulation within the town.

SECTION 2. The notice provided in the warrant for the annual town meeting of the town of Brookline in the current year relating to amending Article thirty of the by-laws of the town of Brookline by striking out section six (a) thereof and substituting, in substance, the provisions of section one of this act and relettering the subsequent subparagraphs is hereby validated and any action taken by said town at its annual town meeting pursuant to such notice of amendment in the current year shall be as valid and effective as if this act were in effect at the time when the warrant for such annual town meeting was issued.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved August 19, 1971.

Chap. 674. AN ACT PROVIDING LIFE TENURE FOR THE CHIEF AND CERTAIN FULL-TIME MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OF THE TOWN OF SANDWICH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The fire chief and every full-time fire fighter who has, or shall have, now or in the future, completed three consecutive years of service in his respective office or position shall hold said office or position during good behavior until he reaches age sixty-five, unless incapacitated by physical or mental disability from performing the duties thereof.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted to the voters of the town of Sandwich at its next annual town meeting in the form of the following question, which shall be placed upon the official ballot to be used for the election of town officers at said meeting: — Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year nineteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act providing life tenure for the chief and certain full-time members of the fire department of the town of Sandwich", be accepted? If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved August 19, 1971.

Chap. 675. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY TREASURER OF ESSEX COUNTY TO REIMBURSE A CERTAIN SUM OF MONEY TO THE SALEM FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The county treasurer of Essex county is hereby authorized to reimburse to the Salem Five Cents Savings Bank the sum of one hundred and eighty-nine dollars and seventy-six cents from the reserve fund, which sum was erroneously paid to the clerk of the courts for Essex county by said bank.

Approved August 19, 1971.

Chap. 676. AN ACT PROVIDING A CERTAIN PENSION FOR THE WIDOW OF THE LATE JUDGE WILLIAM J. O'NEILL, SPECIAL JUSTICE OF THE THIRD DISTRICT COURT OF EASTERN MIDDLESEX.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the widow of the late Judge William J. O'Neill, special justice