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his designee in a municipality with a town council form of government, if any, included in said district. Said board shall appoint, fix the compensation of, and may remove the director of veterans services of said district. Said board may appoint, fix the salary of, and remove, a deputy or assistant to such director, if in the opinion of said board such an officer is necessary.

Said board may determine the expenses of said director and deputy or assistant and of the department under the charge of said director, and may apportion said expenses among the several municipalities comprising such district on the basis of the taxable valuation of said municipalities as last established by the general court as a basis of apportionment for state and county taxes, or on the basis of the population of each municipality in such district based on the most recent state or federal census, or by any other means determined by a unanimous vote of said board to be fair and equitable to each community. Said board shall promptly thereafter notify the treasurers of said municipalities of such apportionment. Every city or town treasurer so notified shall, annually in December, certify the amount of such apportionment to the board of assessors of his municipality, who shall include such amount in the tax levy of the following year.

Approved May 29, 1981.

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Chap. 209. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE SUBMISSION OF THE REPEAL OF REPRESENTATIVE TOWN GOVERNMENT IN THE TOWN OF NORTH ATTLEBOROUGH TO THE VOTERS OF SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 23 of the acts of 1981 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 5. Said chapter 57 is hereby further amended by inserting after section 12 the following section:-

Section 12A. After the expiration of three years from the effective date of this act, the town may vote to reestablish open town meeting in said town government and the provisions of sections one to twelve, inclusive, shall no longer apply. The question of reestablishment of an open town meeting government in said town shall be, upon a petition filed as hereinafter provided, submitted to the voters thereof in the form of the following question:-

"Shall representative town meeting government be abolished in the town of North Attleborough and an open town meeting government be reestablished?"

YES	<input type="checkbox"/>
NO	<input type="checkbox"/>

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If a majority of the votes in answer to this question is in the affirmative, representative town meeting government in said town shall terminate and all provisions of law applicable to an open town meeting government shall apply.

A petition to place the aforesaid question on the ballot shall be signed by at least ten per cent of the voters of the town at least fifty of whom shall be from each precinct. If a majority of the votes cast in answer to the question submitted under this section is in the negative, said question shall not be again submitted to the voters until the third annual town meeting thereafter.

Approved May 29, 1981.

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**Chap. 210. AN ACT RELATIVE TO STOCKHOLDERS' LIABILITY ON DISTRIBUTION CAUSING INSOLVENCY.**

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 156B of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 45, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 723 of the acts of 1964, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

**Section 45.** Stockholders to whom a corporation makes any distribution, whether by way or dividend, repurchase or redemption of stock, or otherwise, except a distribution of stock of the corporation, if the corporation is, or is thereby rendered, insolvent shall be liable to the corporation for the amount of such distribution made, or for the amount of such distribution which exceeds that which could have been made without rendering the corporation insolvent, but in either event, only to the extent of the amount paid or distributed to them respectively. A stockholder who pays on a judgment, or otherwise, more than his proportionate share of such distribution or excess shall have a claim for contribution against the others tockholders, which, unless otherwise provided in the articles of organization, shall be in proportion to the amounts so paid or distributed to them respectively.

Approved May 30, 1981.

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**Chap. 211. AN ACT RELATIVE TO PREMISES USED FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPTOMETRY.**