

this act be unlimited, but he may be removed therefrom for cause after hearing in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of the city of Quincy in accordance with the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

Approved February 9, 1961.

Chap. 51. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE REPORTING OF BIRTH WEIGHT OF INFANTS TO LOCAL BOARDS OF HEALTH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 3 of chapter 46 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the second paragraph, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: —

The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, birth weight, family name, residence, ward and physician or officer in charge.

Approved February 9, 1961.

Chap. 52. AN ACT GRANTING THE CONSENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO A PETITION BY MARGARET R. PALLADINO.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Margaret R. Palladino of Melrose may, within six months after the effective date of this act, bring a petition against the commonwealth under the provisions of chapter two hundred and fifty-eight of the General Laws for damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained by her on or about April eighteenth, nineteen hundred and sixty, on a sidewalk under the control of the metropolitan district commission on the Fenway in the city of Boston. If such injuries were sustained by reason of a defect or want of repair in or upon such sidewalk, and such injuries might have been prevented, or such defect or want of repair might have been remedied by reasonable care and diligence on the part of the commonwealth, the court shall, if the commonwealth had or, by the exercise of proper care and diligence, might have had reasonable notice of the defect or want of repair, and if the conduct of said Palladino would not have barred her from recovery in an action at law, find and determine her damages and order entry of judgment therefor.

Approved February 9, 1961.

Chap. 53. AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE TOWN OF PLYMOUTH BY THE VOTERS OF SAID TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10 of the acts of 1951 is hereby amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 1.* There shall be established in the town of Plymouth a commission of public safety to consist of three unpaid commissioners who shall be elected at large by the registered voters of said town. At the first annual town meeting held after the acceptance of this act one

commissioner shall be elected for a term of three years, one shall be elected for a term of two years and one shall be elected for a term of one year. Thereafter at each annual town election a successor shall be elected for a term of three years. Each commissioner shall hold office until his respective successor is elected and qualified. The members of the commission shall, after each election, elect one of their members to be the chairman thereof, who shall serve until his successor is elected. If a vacancy occurs on the commission, the remaining members, together with the board of selectmen, shall fill such vacancy for the unexpired term. No person shall serve on the commission who holds an appointive office in the town, or who is an employee of said town.

SECTION 2. The members of the present commission of public safety of said town, appointed under authority of section one of said chapter ten, shall serve to, and their terms shall expire upon the election and qualification of their successors as provided in section one of this act.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the said town of Plymouth at the annual town meeting to be held in the current year, 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 sixty-one, entitled 'An Act providing for the election of the commissioners of public safety of the town of Plymouth by the voters of said town', be accepted?" If a majority of the voters voting on said question vote in the affirmative this act shall take effect and said commissioners of public safety shall be elected at the annual town meeting in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-two. If a majority of the voters voting on said question vote in the negative, said question shall again be submitted for acceptance in like manner at the annual town meeting to be held in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-two and if accepted at said meeting it shall thereupon take effect and said commissioners shall be elected at the annual town meeting to be held in the year nineteen hundred and sixty-three.

Approved February 9, 1961.

Chap. 54. AN ACT CHANGING THE TIME LIMIT IN CONNECTION WITH REQUESTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF HOSPITALIZATION EXPENSES INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE CARE OF INFANTS BORN PREMATURELY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 67C, as most recently amended by chapter 753 of the acts of 1955, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 67C.* Expenses for the care and hospitalization of an infant weighing five pounds or less at birth shall be paid by the parents or guardian or any other person bound by law to maintain such infant, if he or they be able to pay; otherwise, by the board of health of the town wherein the mother of such infant resides, subject to the provisions relative to notice and reimbursement as hereinafter provided. The board of health in the town in which the mother resides shall be responsible for hospitalization expenses incurred in caring for an infant under this section, within ceiling rates as established by the department; but no expense shall be reimbursed which was incurred more than thirty days prior to the receipt