

I further declare that in my opinion this law is an emergency law and the facts constituting the emergency are as follows:

This law provides for a new formula in assessments to the towns within the Cape Cod Mosquito Control Project and is based upon the equalized valuation of cities and towns. Postponement of the operation of this law for 90 days would defeat its intended purpose which is to allow the towns to participate in this project by taking advantage of the summer months now upon us.

Sincerely,

FRANCIS W. SARGENT,
Acting Governor of the Commonwealth.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, BOSTON, July 15, 1969.

I, John F. X. Davoren, Secretary of the Commonwealth, hereby certify that the accompanying statement was filed in this office by His Excellency the Acting Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts at nine o'clock and thirty minutes, A.M., on the above date, and in accordance with Article Forty-eight of the Amendments to the Constitution said chapter takes effect forthwith, being chapter five hundred and four of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine.

JOHN F. X. DAVOREN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Chap. 505. AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE WORD "DISTRICT" AS USED IN CERTAIN LAWS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of section 14 of chapter 39 of the General Laws, as amended by section 2 of chapter 453 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 1, the words "fire, water, light or improvement".

SECTION 2. Said section 14 of said chapter 39 is hereby further amended by adding the following paragraph:—

The word "district", as used in this section, so far as apt, shall be construed as it is defined in section one A of chapter forty.

SECTION 3. Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1A, inserted by section 1 of chapter 44 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 1A. Except as otherwise expressly provided, the word "district" as used in this chapter shall mean a fire, water, sewer, water pollution abatement, refuse disposal, light, or improvement district, or any other district, howsoever named, formed for the purpose of carrying out any of the aforementioned functions, whether established under general law or special act.

SECTION 4. Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1A, inserted by section 1 of chapter 45 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 1A. Except as otherwise expressly provided, the word "district", as used in this chapter, shall mean a fire, water, sewer, water pollution abatement, refuse disposal, light, or improvement district, or any other district, howsoever named, formed for the

purpose of carrying out any of the aforementioned functions, whether established under general law or special act.

SECTION 5. Section 1 of chapter 44 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "District", added by section 1 of chapter 46 of the acts of 1967, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—

"District" shall mean a fire, water, sewer, water pollution abatement, refuse disposal, light, or improvement district, or any other district, howsoever named, formed for the purpose of carrying out any of the aforementioned functions, whether established under general law or special act.

SECTION 6. Section thirty-one B of said chapter forty-four, inserted by chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. Section 31 of said chapter 44 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

The provisions of this section, so far as apt, shall apply to districts, and the prudential committee, if any, otherwise the commissioners, shall act in place of the members of the city council or selectmen.

SECTION 8. Section 64 of said chapter 44 is hereby further amended by striking out the last paragraph, as amended by section 5 of chapter 592 of the acts of 1960, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:—

This section shall not apply to cities but, so far as apt, shall apply to districts.

Approved July 11, 1969.

Chap. 506. AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OR OF THE INCORPORATION OF ANOTHER TOWN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 5 of chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after clause (27) the following clause:—

(27A) For the expenses of participating in the celebration of the anniversary of the settlement or of the incorporation of another town, as provided for in clause (27), any appropriation hereunder to be by a two thirds vote. Appropriations under this clause may be made only by towns which were formerly a part of the town holding the celebration, by towns which are contiguous to the town holding the celebration and by towns adjoining such contiguous towns.

Approved July 11, 1969.

Chap. 507. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RESTRAINT OF ILLEGAL APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES BY CERTAIN DISTRICTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 40 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 53, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—