

the first paragraph the following sentence:— The board shall not make any rule or regulation restraining the normal and incidental business of hairdressers' shops or similar establishments by restricting in any way the sale at retail in such places of so-called beauty preparations, lotions, salves, toilet articles, jewelry and gift novelties.

Board not to restrict retail sales of certain articles.

*Approved May 20, 1948.*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL AND ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION THEREFOR.

*Chap. 348*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section 69 of chapter 33 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by chapter 402 of the acts of 1947, is hereby further amended by adding at the end the following subdivision:—

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 33, § 69, etc., amended.

(g) There shall be two assistant adjutants general who shall, under the direction of the adjutant general, perform such duties as may be delegated to them by him or as prescribed in orders and regulations from time to time. Except when ordered on duty under sections eleven, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen or one hundred and five, they shall each receive such sums as may be appropriated therefor.

Assistant adjutant general.

Compensation.

*Approved May 20, 1948.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF WILLIAMSTOWN.

*Chap. 349*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 69 of the acts of 1912 is hereby amended by striking out, in lines 14 and 15, the words "sidewalks, common sewers, main drains, lamps, street sprinkling and police protection" and inserting in place thereof the words:— and street lamps,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 3.* The legal voters of the fire district shall within one year after the organizing of the district, at a meeting called for the purpose, choose by ballot a board of three commissioners, all of whom shall be legal inhabitants of and voters in the district, to hold office, one for one year, one for two years and one for three years from the next succeeding annual district meeting; and thereafter at each annual meeting the legal voters of said district shall elect one commissioner to serve for three years. The commissioners shall annually within fourteen days after the annual election of the fire district choose one of their number to act as president of the district for the ensuing year. Said commissioners shall be a board of commissioners of hydrants, water tanks for fire purposes, and street lamps.

The commissioners shall serve until the expiration of their respective terms of office, as hereinbefore set forth and until

others are chosen and qualified in their stead, but the district shall have authority to fill any vacancy in said board at any district meeting regularly called for that purpose. The commissioners shall be sworn to the faithful performance of their duty and shall receive such compensation as may be determined by the voters of the district at its annual meetings.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 69 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4, as amended by section 1 of chapter 598 of the acts of 1912, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 4.* The said district may, at meetings called for that purpose, raise money for the purchase of engines and other articles necessary for the prevention and extinguishment of fires, for hydrants and water service, for the purchase of land, for the erection, maintenance and repairs of necessary buildings, for the erection and maintenance of street lamps within the limits of the district, for the payment of a proper charge of an insurance company for acting as surety on official bond which may be given to the district by any of its officers, and for other incidental expenses of the fire department. Every member of the board shall be accountable to the district for any money received by him, and the district may maintain a suit therefor in the name of the inhabitants of the district. The said board shall not expend any money which has not been duly appropriated by the district, and shall have no authority to bind the district to the payment of money in excess of its appropriation, or for any purpose not specified by the vote of the district appropriating the same; but the district shall not during any year raise by taxation any amount of money exceeding one per cent of the taxable property in the district.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 69 is hereby further amended by striking out section 6 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 6.* It shall be the duty of the board, under the supervision and direction of the district, to construct, reconstruct, erect, repair, maintain and have charge of all lamp posts, street lamps, and street hydrants in the fire district, and to have charge of all matters pertaining thereto as herein provided.

SECTION 4. Sections 7 to 13, inclusive, and section 20 of said chapter 69 are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. Said chapter 69 is hereby further amended by striking out section 17 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 17.* The prudential committee or board is hereby empowered to make a taking of land for the furtherance of the provisions of this chapter and whenever land is so taken, said committee or board shall, within sixty days after any such taking, file in the registry of deeds of the county of Berkshire a description of the land so taken, sufficiently accurate for identification, and a statement of the purpose for which it is taken; and the right to use all land so taken for the purposes mentioned in said statement shall vest in said fire district and its successors. Damages for land so taken shall be paid by the fire district; and any person ag-

grieved by the taking of his land under this act, who fails to agree with the board as to the amount of damages, may, upon a petition filed with the county commissioners of the county of Berkshire within one year after the filing of the description thereof in the registry of deeds, have his damages assessed and determined in the manner provided when land is taken for the laying out of highways; and if either party is not satisfied with the award of damages by the county commissioners, and shall apply for a jury to revise the same, the fire district shall pay the damages awarded by the jury, and shall pay costs if the damages are increased by the jury, and shall recover costs if the damages are decreased; but if the jury shall award the same damages as were awarded by the county commissioners, the party who applied for the jury shall pay costs to the other party.

SECTION 6. Said chapter 69 is hereby further amended by striking out section 19 and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 19.* The provisions of all general laws of the commonwealth, applicable to fire districts and not inconsistent with this act, shall apply to the fire district organized hereunder.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 21, 1948.*

AN ACT VALIDATING AND CONFIRMING THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND OTHER PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF NAHANT IN THE CURRENT YEAR. *Chap. 350*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The election of officers and other proceedings at the annual town meeting of the inhabitants of the town of Nahant held on March twentieth in the current year, if otherwise valid, are hereby validated and confirmed, notwithstanding that the warrant for such meeting directed the meeting to assemble at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, when the by-laws of said town provide that the annual town meeting shall be called at seven o'clock in the forenoon.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 21, 1948.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SALARY PLANS ADOPTED BY CITIES AND TOWNS. *Chap. 351*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 108A, inserted by section 2 of chapter 540 of the acts of 1947, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 108A.* A city by ordinance and a town by by-law may establish, and from time to time amend, a plan classifying any or all positions, other than

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 41, § 108A, etc., amended.

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