

section three of chapter one hundred and forty-three of the General Laws, or similar provisions of special law, respectively. The commission shall grant relief only after a hearing, notice of which shall have been given by mail, postage prepaid, to the appellant or petitioner, the board of appeals and the owners of all property deemed by the commission to be affected by such appeal or petition, and by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in such city or town. At the hearing any party may appear in person or by agent or by attorney. No appeal or petition under this section with respect to a particular parcel of land which has been unfavorably acted upon by the commission shall be reconsidered by said commission except with the consent of a majority of the board of appeals. The commission may reconsider any appeal or petition which has been withdrawn by the appellant or petitioner before action by the commission or after favorable action by the commission. The determination of the commission under this section shall be final.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 592 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4, as amended by section 1A of said chapter 609, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 4. The commission may appoint a secretary, who may be one of its members, and may, subject to appropriation, employ such officers, agents and employees as may be necessary to assist it in the performance of its functions and shall determine their salaries. The members of the commission shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. There shall be paid to the chairman the sum of twenty-five dollars for every day spent in the performance of his duties, provided that he does not receive an annual salary from the commonwealth and provided further that the sum paid hereunder to him shall not in any year exceed three thousand dollars. Such compensation shall be in addition to any other compensation received from the commonwealth by the chairman; provided that no compensation shall be paid to him for services under this act on any day with respect to which he is compensated by the commonwealth for services performed under any other provision of law. *Approved June 12, 1948.*

Chap.568 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF HOPEDALE TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN PROPERTY OF THE MILFORD WATER COMPANY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Hopedale may take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, such property of the Milford Water Company as may be located in said town and its rights and privileges to sell and distribute water in said town, and said company is authorized to sell and convey such property by good and sufficient instruments in writing.

Said town may exercise its right to take by eminent domain or to make such purchase by a two thirds vote of its voters present and voting thereon at a town meeting called for the purpose and at which the voting list shall be used. Upon such taking or conveyance said town shall be deemed to have established a water supply and water distributing system under authority of section thirty-nine A of chapter forty of the General Laws, and may maintain and operate the same, and all rights of the town of Milford to purchase such property in the town of Hopedale shall cease. Upon the taking by eminent domain or the acquisition by purchase all rights of the Milford Water Company to sell and distribute water in the town of Hopedale shall cease.

SECTION 2. For the purpose of paying the necessary expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred under this act and any additional costs of supplying the town and its inhabitants with water, other than expenses of maintenance and operation, the town of Hopedale may issue from time to time bonds or notes to an amount not exceeding, in the aggregate, one hundred thousand dollars, which shall bear on their face the words, Town of Hopedale Water Loan, Act of 1948. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be payable in not more than thirty years from their dates. Indebtedness incurred under the provisions of this act shall be outside the limit for water debt as fixed by chapter forty-four of the General Laws, but otherwise shall be subject to the applicable provisions of said chapter.

Approved June 12, 1948.

AN ACT INCREASING THE SALARIES OF MEMBERS OF THE STATE BALLOT LAW COMMISSION. Chap.569

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 31 of chapter 6 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 479 of the acts of 1943, is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 3, the words "seven hundred and fifty" and inserting in place thereof the words: — one thousand, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 31.* The members of said commission shall each be paid such compensation for their services, not exceeding one thousand dollars annually, as the governor and council may determine; and shall be allowed for expenses such sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, as may be determined by the governor and council.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 6, § 31, etc., amended.

SALARIES AND EXPENSES.

Approved June 12, 1948.

AN ACT TRANSFERRING TO THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION THE ENTIRE CARE, CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE LYNNWAY, SO-CALLED. Chap.570

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The entire care, control and maintenance of that portion of the highway known as the Lynnway between