

nation of service of the incumbents of both of said offices, be exempt from the provisions of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

SECTION 2. This act shall be submitted for acceptance to the voters of the town of Andover at an annual town meeting 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 seventy-three, entitled 'An Act exempting the offices of superintendent of highways and superintendent of forestry in the town of Andover from the provisions of the civil service law', be accepted?" If a majority of the votes in answer to said question is in the affirmative, this act shall thereupon take full effect, but not otherwise.

Approved April 17, 1973.

Chap. 183. AN ACT AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO PURCHASE COIN-OPERATED LOCKING DEVICES FOR BICYCLE PARKING.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22A of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 16 of chapter 338 of the acts of 1962, is hereby further amended by adding the following sentence: — Any city or town may, in accordance with the provisions of this section, acquire and operate coin-operated locking devices for bicycle parking.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 40 is hereby further amended by striking out section 22B and inserting in place thereof the following section: —

Section 22B. Any city or town having installed parking meters or coin-operated locking devices for bicycle parking may acquire off-street parking areas and facilities by purchase, gift, eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine or chapter eighty A, by lease not to exceed five years, or otherwise, and may pay for such acquisition or lease, including the cost of policing, constructing or reconstructing, surfacing, operating and maintaining such areas and facilities, and including any debt together with interest thereon incurred for such acquisition, in whole or in part, from any receipts from said parking meters or such devices and may in each year transfer or pay into its general funds from said receipts a sum or sums in lieu of taxes for the year in question upon the average assessed valuation of said areas and facilities for the three years immediately prior to the date of said acquisition, determined by multiplying each one thousand dollars of such average valuation or fraction thereof by the tax rate set for said city or town for that year; provided, that the off-street parking areas and facilities are located not more than six hundred feet from a building in which the principal activity is business, commercial, manufacturing or industrial in character, and which building is in a business, commercial, manufacturing or industrial zone, but is not more than six

hundred feet from the nearest parking meter of any group of not less than thirty parking meters approved by the department of public works, or are located not more than six hundred feet from a public beach area.

SECTION 3. Section 22C of said chapter 40, as most recently amended by chapter 38 of the acts of 1967, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "meters", in line 1, the words: — or coin-operated locking devices for bicycle parking.

Approved April 17, 1973.

Chap. 184. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVES TO THE UPPER BLACKSTONE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT DISTRICT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 2 of chapter 752 of the acts of 1968 is hereby amended by adding the following six paragraphs: —

The appointing authorities in the city of Worcester, member towns, and sewer districts, may appoint an alternate representative, who shall be empowered to serve in place of the duly appointed representative, when so authorized by the representative or by the appointing authority, at such times and places and to the same degree as the representative is empowered to serve in his own right.

Whenever the board shall notify in writing the appointing authority in the city of Worcester, member towns, and sewer districts, that its representative is unable, refuses or has failed to participate in the management and control of the district, said appointing authority shall forthwith appoint a representative pro tempore, who shall serve as the duly appointed representative until said representative has resumed his responsibilities or until his successor has been qualified.

Whenever an alternate representative or representative pro tempore is appointed, notice of said appointment shall be made to the board in writing, signed by the appointing authority, stating the name of the person for whom he is to serve, the name of the person to serve and his residence.

The alternate representative or representative pro tempore shall be subject to the same limitations as to number, residence, term and authority as the representative in whose place he serves. Unless so elected by the board, he shall hold no office on the board. He may receive such compensation as the board shall determine, but in no event an amount greater than the representative in whose stead he serves would have been entitled, as provided in section five.

Whenever an alternate representative is to serve in place of a duly appointed representative, notice shall be given to the board by the appointing authority of the time and date such service shall commence and terminate. Such notice may be made at any time prior to the date and hour set for a regular meeting of the board, may be in writing or oral, and shall be made to the chairman, or