

providing tenure of office until age seventy for Everett W. Skinner, incumbent of the office of Highway Superintendent in the town of Plainville, 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 May 27, 1970.

Chap. 367. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE STATUS OF CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF SHREWSBURY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Paragraph (b) of section 11 of chapter 559 of the acts of 1953, as amended by section 2 of chapter 69 of the acts of 1955, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "another", in line 12, the words:—; provided, however, that no action taken under this act shall impair the civil service status of any employee nor shall it provide civil service status for the head of any department, commission, board or office.

Approved May 27, 1970.

Chap. 368. AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN CORPORATIONS ADMINISTERING CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR INHABITANTS OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the abolition of the board of overseers of the public welfare in the city of Boston by section seventy-nine of chapter six hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-seven, the body politic incorporated on April twenty-five, seventeen hundred and seventy-two, by the name of the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston and later known as The Overseers of the Poor in the City of Boston under chapter one hundred and twenty-eight of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-four and on the effective date of said section seventy-nine known as The Overseers of the Public Welfare in the City of Boston under chapter one hundred and forty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one shall be deemed to have continued or, if it has ceased to exist, is hereby revived and continued, and shall hereafter be known as the Trustees of Charitable Donations for Inhabitants of Boston and as such shall continue to hold and possess all the property, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges, including those conferred by chapter one hundred and eighty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations which on the effective date of said section seventy-nine belonged or appertained to said corporation, including the faithful administration and execution of all the trusts, bequests, legacies, endowments and charities confided to them, which have been heretofore, or shall hereafter be, accepted by them.

SECTION 2. Said corporation shall consist of twelve residents of said city, appointed by the mayor. The members initially appointed under this act shall serve, according to the provisions of their respective appointments for terms expiring, in the case of four members, one year, in the case of four other members, two years, in the case of the

four other members, three years, from May the first, nineteen hundred and seventy. As the term of any such member, or of any subsequent member, expires, his successor shall be appointed by the mayor for a term of three years. Any vacancy in the office of a member shall be filled by the mayor for the unexpired term.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the abolition described in section one, the body politic incorporated on February the third, eighteen hundred and three, by the name of The Trustees of John Boylston's Charitable Donations for the Benefit and Support of Aged Poor Persons and of Orphans and Deserted Children shall be deemed to have continued or, if it has ceased to exist, is hereby revived and continued and as such shall continue to hold and possess all the property, and be entitled to all the rights and privileges, including those conferred by chapter one hundred and eighty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and be subject to all the duties, liabilities and obligations which on the effective date of said section seventy-nine belonged or appertained to said corporation, including the faithful administration and execution of all the trusts, bequests, legacies, endowments and charities confided to them. Said corporation shall consist of the persons who from time to time constitute the Trustees of Charitable Donations for Inhabitants of Boston.

Approved May 27, 1970.

Chap. 369. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PROBATION OFFICERS SHALL FURNISH TRIAL JUDGES REPORTS OF THE FINANCIAL STATUS OF CRIMINAL DEFENDANTS PRIOR TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF A PUBLIC DEFENDER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The second paragraph of section 34D of chapter 221 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 1 of chapter 366 of the acts of 1962, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:—Before the trial judge assigns counsel the probation officer shall prepare and furnish him with a written report containing his opinion as to the defendants ability to pay for counsel.

Approved May 27, 1970.

Chap. 370. AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE THE THIRTIETH, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY, TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLEMENTING CERTAIN EXISTING APPROPRIATIONS AND FOR CERTAIN NEW ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. To provide for supplementing certain items in the general appropriation act and for certain new activities and projects, the sums set forth in section two of this act are hereby appropriated from the General Fund unless specifically designated otherwise in the item, subject to the provisions of law regulating the disbursement of public funds and the conditions pertaining to appropriations in chapter four hundred and fifty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and sixty-nine for the fiscal year ending June the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and