

factor in determining an applicant's grade or eligibility a veteran shall be given credit for service in the armed forces when his employment in a similar vocation to that for which he was examined was interrupted by service, and for all experience material to the position for which he was examined, including experience gained in religious, civic, welfare, service and organizational activities, regardless of whether he received pay therefor.

The names of applicants who have qualified in a competitive civil service examination shall be entered on their appropriate registers or list of eligibles in the following order:

For positions in job Group XVII or higher in the salary and classification plan of the commonwealth or positions in the service of a city or town for which an equivalent salary has been established, in order of their rating, including points added under this section, and

For all other positions:

(A) disabled veterans who have a compensable service-connected disability of ten per cent or more, in the order of their ratings, including points added under this section; and

(B) remaining applicants, in the order of their ratings, including points added under this section.

The names of persons entitled to additional credit under this section shall be entered ahead of others having the same rating. A disabled veteran shall be retained in employment in preference to all other persons, including veterans.

SECTION 3. The provisions of this act shall apply to all eligible lists established as a result of an examination held prior to or after its effective date. Persons appointed from lists established under the provisions of this act during the period of suspension of section twenty-three of chapter thirty-one, as provided in section one of this act, shall for all purposes be deemed to have been properly appointed under said chapter thirty-one, notwithstanding a decision in said case of *Helen B. Feeney v. Commonwealth* which may hold that the provisions of said section twenty-three are constitutional.

*Approved June 24, 1976.*

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**Chap. 201.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS IN THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 108 of the acts of 1946 is hereby amended by striking out sections 1 and 2 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:-

*Section 1.* The city of Cambridge is hereby empowered to establish a department of health and hospitals under the charge, direction and control of the commissioner of health and hospitals.



Said commissioner shall be appointed by, and shall serve at the pleasure of the city manager of said city. Said commissioner shall be considered a department head of said city for all purposes.

Said commissioner shall have proven experience and training in the field of public health but need not be a licensed or registered physician. Any vacancy in the position of commissioner shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment; provided, however, that said city manager may appoint an acting commissioner to serve for a period of not more than six months; and provided, further, that such acting commissioner need not meet the qualification required of said commissioner.

*Section 2.* The commissioner of health and hospitals shall have all the powers and duties previously possessed and exercised by, or hereafter conferred by law, ordinance or the state sanitary code on, a commissioner of health or board of health of said city.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 108 is hereby further amended by striking out section 4 and inserting in place thereof the following two sections:-

*Section 4.* There shall be a health policy board in the city of Cambridge consisting initially of twelve members to be appointed by the city manager of said city. Said board shall be responsible, with the commissioner, for the establishment of health policy for said city and shall provide a forum for public discussion of health issues.

*Section 5.* The city council of the city of Cambridge may, from time to time, by ordinance, define the term or terms of office, number of members of the health policy board of said city, and the rights, duties, obligations, responsibilities and qualifications of said commissioner and said board consistent with this act and the city charter of said city.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 24, 1976.*

**Chap. 202.** AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF PITTSFIELD TO CERTAIN OFFICES AND POSITIONS IN SAID CITY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 280 of the acts of 1932 is hereby amended by striking out section 38, as amended by section 12 of chapter 611 of the acts of 1958, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

*Section 38.* Except as is otherwise provided in section thirty-seven, no member of the school committee, for the term for which he was elected, shall be eligible for appointment to or employment in any position or place which is under the jurisdiction of the school committee. An employee of the city who is under the jurisdiction of the school committee shall be deemed to have resigned

