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[House Bill No. 4359.]

[230.]

AN ACT AMENDING AN ACT INCORPORATING THE GIANTS NECK HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION.

SECTION 1. Section 4 of number 585 of the special acts of 1953 is amended to read as follows: The first meeting of the members of said association shall be held not later than September 12, 1953, at such time and place within the limits of said association as the committee hereinafter named designates in a notice warning such meeting, for the purpose of electing a governing board to consist of nine members of the association. Three of such members shall be elected for a term of one year, three of such members shall be elected for a term of two years and three of such members shall be elected for a term of three years, and annually thereafter three members shall be elected for a term of three years, unless they or any of them sooner cease to be property owners within the limits of said association. Within the limits of said association, the nine members of the board of governors shall elect officers from members of the board who have had at least one year prior experience on such board. The term of the officers shall be two years, but such officers-elect shall serve for only one year if their terms as governor expire in one year. Said board shall appoint a secretary and a treasurer and define their duties. Neither of such appointees shall, necessarily, be a member of the board and both positions may be held by one person. Annual meetings shall thereafter be held not later than September 14th in each subsequent year.

SEC. 2. Section 9 of said special act is amended to read as follows: The territorial limits of said association shall constitute a separate taxing district within the town of East Lyme, and the secretary of the association shall, in the manner directed by the association or the governing board, make an assessment list, based on the land values only, of all the real estate, except unimproved land, within the limits of said association as shall appear by the assessment list of the town of East Lyme then last completed or next thereafter to be completed, and the list so prepared by the secretary shall correspond, in description, amount and value of such real estate, with such town list. When real estate so entered in the town list is located partly within and partly without the limits of said association, and there is no distinct and separate value put by the assessors of the town upon the part lying within said association, the secretary of said association shall assess the part within said asso-

ciation in the proportion which the part within the association bears to the whole tract or property so assessed, using his best judgment as to such value. When the title to any property has changed before the time of laying any tax, such property shall be listed by the secretary in the name of the person owning it at the time of the laying of such tax. Said secretary shall, within such time as may be limited by the governing board, return such list duly signed and sworn to by him, to the governing board of said association, which shall revise such list, and, if such board finds that the same fails to correspond with the assessment list of the town of East Lyme, or if said board finds that there are any errors in the proportional valuation of such parts of any piece of property partly within and partly without the association, said board shall correct the same and such list, when so revised, shall be adopted by said board and shall then be and constitute the assessment list for the association. Any person aggrieved by the doings of the secretary of said board or said board in preparing such list shall have the same right of appeal to the court of common pleas as is provided by the general statutes for appeals from boards of tax review. Said board of governors shall prepare and submit to said association, at each annual meeting, a budget and recommend a tax for the purpose of and based on such budget of not exceeding ten mills on the dollar upon the assessment list of the association then last completed or next thereafter to be completed, which budget and tax rate shall be posted on the signpost of said association not less than five days before such annual meeting, provided no levy or tax, as provided herein, shall be assessed or levied against any unimproved land. Said association, at any annual meeting, shall have the power to increase or decrease such budget and rate of taxation recommended by said board of governors. The rate of taxation so recommended by said board of governors shall be final unless increased or decreased by the association at such annual meeting. The tax so laid shall be collected by the treasurer or by any collector specially appointed by the governing board for the purpose, and a rate book shall be prepared and signed by the secretary of said board within such time and in such manner as may be directed by said board, and warrants shall be issued for the collection of money due on such rate bill pursuant to the provisions of section 12-130 of the general statutes. Said association shall have the power to determine all other matters pertaining to the levy or collection of such tax. Written notice of the rate of such tax and the amount thereof, or of the assessment apportioned to each member of the association, shall be sent by the treasurer or collector to each member of the association before July first in each year, on which date such tax shall be due and payable

in the manner stated therein, and, if such tax is not paid when due, it shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum. The treasurer or other collector shall have all the powers of collectors of town taxes and shall be accountable to the governing board in the same manner as town collectors are accountable to selectmen. Such tax or assessment shall be a lien upon the property upon which it is laid and may be collected by suit in the name of the association by foreclosure of such lien or in such manner as town taxes may be collected. Such lien may be continued by certificate, which shall be recorded in the land records of the town or towns in which it is located, pursuant to the provisions of the general statutes relating to the continuance of tax liens.

Approved June 19, 1963.

[House Bill No. 4411.]

[231.]

AN ACT CREATING A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE
JUDICIAL SYSTEMS OF OTHER STATES.

(a) There is created a commission of eleven members to study the judicial systems of other states. The governor shall appoint five of said members, including the president of the state bar association, the speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint three representatives as members and the president of the senate shall appoint three senators as members. Of each group so appointed, not more than a bare majority shall be members of any one political party. The members of the commission shall receive no compensation for their services as such but shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

(b) The legislative council shall, on request, assist the commission in the performance of its duties hereunder.

(c) The commission shall inquire as to the administration of the judicial departments of the other states, to determine the most efficient methods of insuring prompt and proper administration of justice consistent with a free and independent judiciary. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor and to the 1965 session of the general assembly.

Approved June 19, 1963.