

## List of Legislative Acts

### B. Special acts of the Commonwealth pertaining to the Town of West Springfield.

<u>Acts of</u>	<u>Chapter</u>	<u>Subject</u>
1867	242	Shade trees standing in highways
1869	366	Impounding of cattle
1869	389	Authorizing County Commissioners to construct two (2) dikes in West Springfield
1871	382	Relative to betterments
1874	180	In relation to judicial districts and district courts of East Hampden and Police Court of Springfield
1875	138	Incorporating West Springfield Aqueduct Company
1877	43	Relative to upkeep of dikes in West Springfield
1878	20	Establishing free bridge across Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield
1878	44	Relative to main drains and sewers in West Springfield
1878	238	West Springfield to borrow money for certain purposes
1880	52	Selectmen of West Springfield to provide for upkeep of dam and channel of Agawam River
1882	154	Authorizing towns and cities to lay out public parks within their limits
1883	64	Relative to Massachusetts Central Railroad Company
1883	130	Relieving West Springfield and Agawam from certain forfeitures
1884	30	Relative to deed from proprietors of locks and canals of Connecticut River
1884	36	Authorizing West Springfield Aqueduct Company to issue bonds
1884	124	Changing name of Mittineague Congregational Society
1885	228	Authorizing Poughkeepsie-Hartford and Boston Railroad to extend
1885	50, § 22-23	Sidewalks
1886	264	Precinct voting in towns
1887	76	Amending Charter of Springfield Street Railway Company
1887	200	Act amending Chapter 228 of the Acts of 1885
1889	386	Authorizing Hartford and Connecticut Railroad to extend road
1890	86	Act uniting Springfield and West Springfield
1890	240	Authorizing cities and towns to lay out public parks within their limits
1891	90	Protection of town against further encroachments of Connecticut River
1891	145	Extending time for construction of New York and Massachusetts Railroad
1893	87	Revoking Act accepting distribution of ballots at expense of public
1893	206	Providing water for West Springfield
1893	417	Codifying and consolidating election laws
1893	417	Election of Assessors
1894	132	Precinct voting
1894	218	Election of Board of Health
1894	324	Reservation of space in public ways
1895	154	Authorizing Springfield Gas Company to hold real estate in West Springfield and furnish gas to town
1895	186	Relative to watering streets in town
1896	232	Act uniting Springfield and West Springfield
1897	87	Establishing sinking fund
1897	493	Authorizing Hudson and Berkshire Railroad to extend into Massachusetts
1898	96	Authorizing Springfield Gas Company to hold real estate and furnish gas to Longmeadow
1898	186	West Springfield to refund portion of its debt
1898	482	Holyoke to supply water outside limits of city
1899	344	Eight-hour day for city and town employees
1900	190	Furnishing soldiers' relief by cities and towns
1900	458	Providing for construction of new bridge over Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield
1901	320	Civil service to police
1901	421	Construction of new bridge over Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield
1901	49	Sewer assessments
1902	19	Fire Department under civil service
1902	484	Bridge across Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield
1903	264	Establishing Mt. Tom Reservation

1903	454	Joint caucuses and primaries
1904	327	Pensions for permanent members of Police and Fire Departments
1904	398	Providing for construction of bridge over Connecticut River between Chicopee and West Springfield
1904	33	Relative to pound and field drivers
1905	333	Authorizing West Springfield to make an additional water loan
1906	169	Authorizing West Springfield to manufacture or purchase electricity for use of its Water Supply Department
1906	230	Authorizing County Commissioners to borrow money for construction of bridge between Chicopee and West Springfield
1906	297	Authorizing Town of West Springfield to make bridge loan
1906	317	Authorizing City of Springfield to increase water supply
1907	191	Establishing Board of Survey in town
1908	209	Protecting forest land or sprout land from fire
1908	600	Authorizing West Springfield to make additional water loan
1910	624	Appointing of Town Accountant
1911	468	Extending provisions of civil service to Chiefs of Police in certain cities and towns
1911	471	Codifying and amending laws relating to state-aided vocational education
1911	104	Inspection of buildings
1912	102	Incorporation of Park Street Cemetery Association 1912 447 Relative to retirement of certain veterans in service of cities and towns
1912	503	Pensioning of laborers
1912	607	Relative to waterworks system of Springfield
1913	494	Establishing Planning Board
1913	571	Relative to maintenance of bridge across Connecticut River between Chicopee and West Springfield
1913	655	Revising and codifying building inspection laws
1913	706	Relative to auditing of municipal accounts
1913	807	Compensation to laborers, workmen and mechanics for injuries
1914	122	Relative to care of cemeteries
1914	217	Vacation for laborers
1914	688	Saturday half-holiday for laborers, workmen and mechanics; also day work
1914	790	Party enrollment
1915	252	Providing for construction of bridge over Connecticut River between Springfield and West Springfield
1916	104	New Year's Day legal holiday
1916	179	Members of one political party not to vote in primary of another
1916	93	Authorizing licensing of motor vehicles carry in passengers for hire
1916	350	Extending provisions of civil service laws to members of Fire Department
1916	359	Authorizing abandonment of old dike along Agawam River in West Springfield
1916	376	Authorizing the alienation for public purposes of portions of town burial ground in West Springfield
1917	156	Relative to disposition of income of Agawam Congregational Fund
1917	325	Providing for construction of state agricultural and industrial building at Eastern States Exposition grounds
1917	350	Extending provisions of civil service laws to members of Fire Department
1919	132	Two-platoon system for Fire Department
1919	311	Establishing and maintaining vocational schools
1920	228	Act authorizing West Springfield to make an additional water loan
1920	240	Permitting under public regulations certain sports and games on Lord's Day
1920	261	Exempting from taxation certain property owned by other states in West Springfield
1921	103	Relative to plumbing regulations
1922	311	Representative Town Meeting
1922	473	Authorizing West Springfield to borrow money for school purposes
1923	391	Relative to collecting water rates
1924	13	North End Bridge
1926	113	Planning Board to act as Board of Survey
1926	371	Railroad securities
1928	406	Permitting certain sports and games on Lord's Day
1929	27	Protecting Connecticut Valley from flood damage
1930	351	Appropriating money for uniforms for Police and Fire Departments
1934	275	Steel Trap Law

1935	7	Town Physician appointment
1936	211	Providing for improved method of municipal planning
1936	318	Contributory retirement pensions
1936	403	Workmen's Compensation Law
1937	207	Additional source of water supply for West Springfield
1938	10	Additional water in Southwick
1938	133	Preventing multiplicity of proposals for same change in zoning ordinances
1939	7	Establishing Park and Playground Commission
1939	52	Relating to sewers
1939	183	Civil service to Superintendent of Streets and Town Accountant
1939	513	Town to assume liability for damages incurred for work done by Massachusetts Department of Public Works
1941	284	Chairman of Board of Public Welfare to be Town Meeting member ex officio
1941	408	Taking and holding water by West Springfield within Southwick
1941	638	Reducing working hours of firemen
1945	499	Advance vacation pay to officers, etc.
1945	723	Advice and assistance to veterans of World War II
1946	13	Housing Authority Law (federal)
1946	207	Operating bowling alleys on Sunday
1946	490	Authorizing carrying of passengers for hire over route between Boston and Hancock
1946	559	Increasing pensions of certain former employees
1946	561	Regarding two-and-one-half-story house (accepted by Selectmen)
1946	76	Pensions for police and firemen
1946	592	Variance on housing regarding Board of Appeals (accepted by Selectmen)
1947	265	Closing town offices on Saturday
1947	269	Reconversion Act of 1944, Public Law 269: Title accepting funds from F.W.A. to assist in plan preparation of public works
1948	292	Representative Town Meetings in West Springfield
1948	552	Act to increase annuities to dependents of certain public employees killed or dying from injuries received or hazards, etc., in performance of duty
1948	588	Increasing pensions payable to certain former public employees, etc., to beneficiaries, etc.
1949	74	Town to borrow money for school purposes
1949	348	Exempting certain states from taxes which own property in West Springfield
1950	360	Conveying certain land from the commonwealth to Town of West Springfield
1950	783	Increases in retirement allowances to persons retired after January 1, 1946, with minimum allowance
1950	820	Increase in annual amounts of certain pensions retirement allowances, annuities to former employees, etc.
1951	3	Five-day week for police in West Springfield
1951	781	Act to increase pension for certain former employees
1951	789	Deductions from wages or salaries
1952	624	Increasing pensions to former employees
1953	317	Changing name of Park and Playground Commission
1953	434	Rent control
1954	171	Robert R. Lewis to become member of retirement system
1954	496	Rent control
1955	223	Time off for police officers
1955	281	Commonwealth to convey land to West Springfield
1955	670	Increasing pensions, retirement, etc., to former employees
1956	352	Act relative to representative Town Meeting in West Springfield
1956	374	Providing pensions for widows of firefighters and police officers under noncontributory retirement law
1956	401	Indemnification of civil defense volunteers for operation of publicly owned vehicles
1956	694	Department of Agriculture to maintain, repair and remodel state agricultural and industrial buildings in West Springfield and Brockton
1956	733	Annuities to dependents of policemen and firefighters killed in performance of duty
1957	223	Establishing Conservation Commission to promote the development of natural resources
1957	427	Increasing police and firefighters' pensions
1957	750, § 1	Superannuation retirement, options for payment pensions for laborers
1958	107	Conveying land to Frank Zendek
1959	493	Increase in amounts of pensions and retire men allowances payable to certain former

		public employees
1959	595	Town to pay half the premium costs for group life insurance, group general or blanket hospital, surgical and medical insurance for retired employees ( <b>MGL Ch.32B sec 90A</b> )
1960	239, § 2	Increasing noncontributory pensions of certain laborers
1960	397	Town of West Springfield to sell and convey certain parkland to James D and Katharine T. Allan
1961	120	Authorizing West Springfield to augment its sewage collecting and disposal system
1961	322	Towing of vehicles from city and town ways where such vehicles are parked or standing in violation of the law
1962	45	Tree Warden under civil service
1962	646	Increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances payable to certain former public employees
1962	647	Group hospital, surgical and medical insurance extended to elderly persons retired from the service of the town and to their dependents with fifty percent (50%) of the premium cost and a portion of the administrative expense to be paid by the town
1963	478	Increasing the amounts of pensions and retirement allowances for certain former public employees
1963	822	Accelerated highway program
1964	18	Tenure for Irving P. Donahue, veterans' agent
1964	486	Increasing the amount of pensions and retire men allowances payable to certain public employees
1964	493	Town of West Springfield to construct, operate and maintain a golf course on certain parkland in said town
1965	374	Providing for use of local governmental employees' group insurance dividends or refund to reduce the (C. 32B, Sec 8A) employees' share of premium costs
1965	858	Town Engineer to exercise powers and duties of Superintendent of Streets and placing office of Town Engineer under civil service ( <i>Repealed 5-2-1987 ATM, Art. 20</i> )
1966	117	Noncontributory pensions for former fire fighters and police increased
1966	401	Certain elected and appointed officers under workmen's compensation insurance
1969	406	Rental or lease of clothing
1970	32, § 90A	Increasing allowance of former employees retired for accidental disability [ <i>ATM 4-29-1995, Art. 13</i> ]
1971	486	Beano
1972	220	Mutual police aid programs
1972	618	Providing for modifications in the election of Town Meeting members in the Town of West Springfield
1975	48	Term of office of Town Moderator: three (3) years
1975	808	Further regulating the Zoning Enabling Act
1977	211	Penalty for violation of rules governing use of land for parks, playgrounds, etc.
1977	352	Position of Police Records Clerk Matron exempt from civil service
1979	165	Secretary to Police Chief exempt from civil service
1979	547	Authorizing the appointment of Mark D. Lussier as a fire fighter in West Springfield
1980	210	Executive Director of Council on Aging exempt from civil service
1981	339, § 1, 2, & 3	Establishing user fees
1981	743	Real estate tax exemptions
1982	647	Dog license fees to town
1983	94	Dog license
1985	640	Revocation of licenses upon delinquent pay men of taxes
1987	697, § 31	Retirement: persons permanently incapacitated [Accepted ATM 5-4-1991, Art. 6]
1987	697, § 33	Retirement: injury/pension 72% [Accepted ATM 5-4-1991, Art. 5]
1990	291	Enhanced 911 Service [Accepted ATM 5-4-1991, Art. 33]
1990	473	An act further regulating the compensation of Town Clerks who serve as Registrars of Voters [ <i>ATM 5-4-1991, Art. 2</i> ]
1991	418	Seniority system in Fire Department [ <i>STM 10-23-1991, Art. 4</i> ]
1993	6	"S" Classification exempt from Civil Service [ <i>STM 10-21-1992, Art. 15</i> ]
1996	71	Retirement benefits for veterans [ <i>STM 10-30-1996, Art. 10</i> ]
1997	17	Retirees' cost of living increase [ <i>ATM 5-2-1998, Art. 12</i> ]
1998	194, § 288	Retirees' option change upon death of beneficiary [ <i>STM 11-18-1998, Art. 9</i> ]
1998	456, § 3	Retirees' cost of living increase [Accepted ATM 5-1-1999, Art. 14]
1999	170	Additional Compensation Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector
1999	127,s51	Retirees 3% increase

2000	184s51cl 41	Senior Exemption Options
2000	322	Providing for a Seasonal Police Force in the Town of West Springfield ( <b><i>Repealed by enactment of Acts of 2008, Chap 142</i></b> )
2000	380	Real Estate Exemptions (9-24-2000 Council-Amends MGL Ch59 by adding clause 17E, clause 41C)
2002	116	Retirement Incentive Program for certain employees
2002	203	Granting Retirement Benefits to Widow & Children of Steven F. Greene
2003	46,s113	Extending Tax Amnesty Program to encourage payment of certain taxes ( <i>June 29, 2006 by Town Council</i> )
2003	73	Tax Amnesty Program (June 29, 2006 by Council/Note: amends MGL Ch 56, sec 5 by adding clauses 17E and 41C)
2005	160	An Act Authorizing the Division of Capital Asset Management & Maintenance to convey certain land to the Town of West Springfield ( <i>May 16, 2006 by Council</i> )
2005	157,s 1	Disability Retirement Benefits for Veterans (May 4, 2006 by Council)
2008	142	An Act Relative to the Special Police Officers in the City known as the Town of West Springfield (law effective June 20, 2008) by request of Council vote Feb 5, 2007. Note: This repeals Chapter 322 of the Acts of 2000)
2008	182,s 16	Council accepted provisions of MGL, Chap 60A, Sec 1, paragraph 8 enacted by Sec 16 of Ch182, Acts of 2008, allowing the Town to grant certain veterans an exemption from an excise tax on one motor vehicle on and after January 1, 2010.
2009	27,s 60	Council Accepted MGL Ch 64L, Section 2(a), enacted by sec 60 of Ch 27 of the Acts of 2009, allowing the Town to impose a local meals excise tax to be effective Oct 1, 2009.
2011	52,s 13	Making Appropriations for the FY 2011 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (property damage or destroyed by tornado activity on June 1, 2011)
2012	406	An act exempting the position of Chief of Police of the Town of West Springfield from the provisions of the Civil Service Law.
2016	268	An Act Establishing a 4-Year Term for the Office of Mayor in the City Known as the Town of West Springfield (Passed by the Voters Nov. 2016)