

one hundred and fifty-six of the Public Statutes as relates to holding probate courts in the county of Hampden is hereby repealed.

To take effect
July 3, 1884.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect on the third day of July next.

Approved May 28, 1884.

Chap. 295

AN ACT RELATING TO A WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Water supply
for town of
Middleborough.

Subject to ac-
ceptance within
one year by a
two-thirds vote.

SECTION 1. Section eight of chapter fifty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four is hereby amended to read as follows:—The preceding sections of this act, so far as they apply to and confer authority on the town of Middleborough to introduce a supply of water for its inhabitants as aforesaid, shall become inoperative and void unless said town shall accept the same and authorize the introduction of water under its provisions by a two-thirds vote of its legal voters present and voting thereon at any legal town meeting called for the purpose within one year from the date of passage of this act. At such meeting the check-list shall be used and the voting shall be by ballot, written or printed, *Yes* or *No*. The number of meetings so called shall not exceed four.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 28, 1884.

Chap. 296

AN ACT RELATING TO THE FORMATION OF COMPANIES TO GUARANTEE THE FIDELITY OF PERSONS AND TO ACT AS SURETY ON BONDS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

To guarantee
fidelity, and to
be surety on
bonds.

SECTION 1. Companies may be formed for the purpose of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons and of acting as surety on bonds by complying with the provisions of sections twenty-six, twenty-seven and twenty-eight, and sections thirty-two to thirty-seven, both inclusive, of chapter one hundred and nineteen of the Public Statutes relative to the formation of insurance companies so far as they are applicable for the purposes of incorporation.

Capital stock.

SECTION 2. The capital stock of such a company shall not be less than two hundred thousand dollars.

May act as
surety upon
official bonds.

SECTION 3. Such company if accepted and approved by the court, magistrate or other obligee may act as surety upon the official bond of any person to the United States