

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO PAY INTEREST ON PUBLIC GIFTS IN CERTAIN CASES. Chap.217

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any city acting through its city council, or any town at a town meeting legally called and held, may contract to pay interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent. per annum during the life or lives of any person or persons in being at the time of entering into such contract, upon the amount of any cash gift which it may lawfully receive.

Cities and towns may pay interest on certain cash gifts.

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

Approved April 4, 1895.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SENTENCES TO THE REFORMATORY PRISON FOR WOMEN. Chap.218

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. A convict shall not be sentenced to imprisonment in the reformatory prison for women for a less time than one year, except as provided in chapter two hundred and sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Sentences to reformatory prison for women.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved April 4, 1895.

Repeal.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF TAUNTON TO CONSTRUCT A SYSTEM OF SEWERAGE. Chap.219

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Taunton is hereby authorized, through a board of commissioners hereinafter provided for, to lay out, construct, maintain and operate a system or systems of main drains and common sewers for a part or the whole of its territory, and also a system of sewage disposal for said city, to be constructed, maintained and operated in connection with its main drains and common sewers hereby authorized, when adopted by its city council. Any such system or systems of sewerage or sewage disposal shall be subject to the approval of the state board of health before their final adoption by said city council, after due notice to all parties interested therein.

City of Taunton may lay out, construct, etc., a system of sewerage, etc.

To be approved by state board of health.

SECTION 2. Said board shall consist of three commissioners, who shall be citizens of said city and shall be appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation or rejection

Commissioners, appointment, terms, etc.

by the board of aldermen. They shall hold their offices, one for the term of one year, one for the term of two years and one for the term of three years from the first day of February preceding their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified; and thereafter, in the month of January in each year, one person shall be appointed as a member of such board, who shall hold his office for three years from the first day of February then next ensuing.

Powers,
duties, etc.

SECTION 3. Said commissioners shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities now conferred or imposed upon the mayor and aldermen by the charter of said city and by the statutes of the Commonwealth, relating to drains and common sewers and the disposal of sewage. Said commissioners shall annually, in the month of February, appoint a clerk, and may appoint, but not from their own number, a superintendent of sewers, and may remove said clerk and superintendent at their pleasure. The compensation of said clerk and superintendent shall be fixed by the city council.

Not to make
certain contracts
until appropriation
is made, etc.

SECTION 4. All contracts made by said commissioners for the purposes of this act shall be the contracts of the city, but no contract shall be made by said commissioners which requires the expenditure of money until an appropriation therefor has been made by the city council. Said commissioners shall be subject to such ordinances, rules, regulations and orders as the city council may from time to time make or establish, and shall be subject to removal by the mayor for cause. Any vacancy in said board shall be filled by appointment to be made by the mayor, subject to confirmation or rejection by the board of aldermen.

Vacancy.

When to take
effect.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect when accepted by the city council of the city of Taunton, but shall be void if not accepted within one year after its passage.

Approved April 4, 1895.

Chap. 220

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ELECTION OF CERTAIN OFFICERS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF TAXES IN CITIES WHOSE WARD LINES HAVE BEEN CHANGED.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Ward lines existing previous to new division to continue for certain purposes.

SECTION 1. For the purposes of all elections in the year of any new division of a city into wards, including elections of representatives to the general court, members of the common council, and other officers, and for the