

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE PROMPT PAYMENT OF THE WAGES OF MUSICIANS AND OF CERTAIN CASUAL EMPLOYEES. *Chap. 145*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter one hundred and forty-nine of the General Laws, as amended in section one hundred and forty-eight by chapter fifty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and by chapter one hundred and thirty-six of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, is hereby further amended by striking out said section one hundred and forty-eight and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 148.* Every person engaged in carrying on in a city a hotel or club, and every person engaged in carrying on within the commonwealth a theater, moving picture house, dance hall, factory, workshop, manufacturing, mechanical or mercantile establishment, mine, quarry, railroad or street railway, or telephone, telegraph, express, transportation or water company, or in the erection, alteration, repair or removal of any building or structure, or the construction or repair of any railroad, street railway, road, bridge, sewer, gas, water or electric light works, pipes or lines, shall pay weekly each employee engaged in his business, and every person employing musicians, janitors, porters or watchmen shall pay weekly each such employee, the wages earned by him to within six days of the date of said payment if employed for six days in a week or to within seven days of the date of said payment if employed seven days in the week, or, in the case of an employee who has worked for a period of less than six days, hereinafter called a casual employee, shall, within seven days after the termination of such period, pay the wages earned by such casual employee during such period; but any employee leaving his employment shall be paid in full on the following regular pay day; and any employee discharged from such employment shall be paid in full on the day of his discharge, or in Boston as soon as the laws requiring pay rolls, bills and accounts to be certified shall have been complied with; and the commonwealth, its departments, officers, boards and commissions shall so pay every mechanic, workman and laborer employed by it or them, and every person employed by it or them in any penal or charitable institution, and every county and city shall so pay every employee engaged in its business the wages or salary earned by him, unless such mechanic, workman, laborer or employee requests in writing to be paid in a different manner; and every town shall so pay each employee in its business if so required by him; but an employee absent from his regular place of labor at a time fixed for payment shall be paid thereafter on demand. This section shall not apply to an employee of a co-operative corporation or association if he is a stockholder therein unless he requests such corporation to pay him weekly, nor to casual employees as hereinbefore defined employed by the commonwealth or by a county, city or town. The department of public utilities, after hearing, may exempt any railroad corporation from paying weekly any of its employees if it appears that such employees prefer less frequent payments, and that their interests and the interests of the public will not suffer thereby. No person

G. L. § 149, § 148, etc., amended.

Weekly payment of wages of certain employees.

When certain employees shall be paid in full.

When employees to be paid on demand.

Exemptions by department of public utilities.

No exemptions by special contract.
Penalty.

shall by a special contract with an employee or by any other means exempt himself from this section or section one hundred and fifty. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten nor more than fifty dollars.

Approved March 28, 1924.

Chap.146 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAXATION OF CERTAIN ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 164, § 97, amended.

Consolidation of electric and hydro-electric companies.

Approval by stockholders and department of public utilities.

Proviso.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 1. Section ninety-seven of chapter one hundred and sixty-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "chapter" in the twenty-fourth line, so as to read as follows: — *Section 97.* An electric company may, subject to the four following sections, from time to time purchase or acquire any or all of the property of any domestic or foreign corporation or association owning or operating a water storage reservoir or hydro-electric plant with which the lines of the said first mentioned electric company are actually connected, or owning and operating lines for the transmission of electricity within or without the commonwealth with which the lines of said first named electric company are actually connected; and any such domestic or foreign corporation or association may, subject to the four following sections, the charter thereof and the laws of the state under which such corporation or association, if a foreign corporation or association, is organized, so far as applicable, sell any or all of its property to said first mentioned electric company, or consolidate or merge with said first mentioned electric company, or merge and consolidate its capital stock and property with said first mentioned electric company; but no such purchase and sale or merger and consolidation shall be valid or binding until the same and the terms thereof shall have been approved, at meetings called therefor, by vote of at least two thirds in interest of the stockholders of each of the contracting parties, and until the department, after notice and a public hearing, shall have approved the same and the terms thereof as consistent with the public interest; provided, that such electric company shall not exercise in this commonwealth any powers, rights, locations, licenses or privileges or any franchise so acquired which cannot be lawfully exercised by electric companies under this chapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect as of March thirty-first, nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

Approved March 28, 1924.

Chap.147 AN ACT CONCERNING FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES AND TO MAKE UNIFORM THE LAW RELATING THERETO.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L., new chapter after chapter 109.

SECTION 1. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter one hundred and nine the following new chapter, to be numbered one hundred and nine A and to be entitled "Fraudulent Transfers of Real and Personal Property":