

words “the said ports respectively”, in the seventh line, and inserting in place thereof the words:—any or all of said ports within their jurisdiction,—so that the section shall read as follows:—*Section 12.* There shall be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council, five port wardens of the ports upon Buzzard’s bay and the island of Martha’s Vineyard, two of whom shall reside in New Bedford or Fairhaven, two in Dukes county, and one in Wareham, and who shall hold their offices during the pleasure of the governor and council. They shall recommend to the governor suitable persons to be pilots for any or all of said ports within their jurisdiction, who shall receive commissions as such if approved by the governor with the consent of the council.

Port wardens and pilots for Buzzard’s bay and Martha’s Vineyard.

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

Approved May 19, 1890.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF BRISTOL TO LAY OUT A HIGHWAY AND BUILD A BRIDGE ACROSS COLE’S RIVER IN SWANZEY.

Chap.301

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Bristol county may, if in their opinion public convenience and necessity require, lay out a highway and construct a bridge over Cole’s river in Swanzey, above the railroad bridge now existing over said river. The plan and location of said bridge shall be subject to the approval and direction of the board of harbor and land commissioners, who shall also determine whether said bridge shall be built with or without a draw.

Highway commissioners may lay out and build bridge across Cole’s river in Swanzey.

SECTION 2. The county commissioners may borrow such sum or sums of money on the credit of the county of Bristol as may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act; and they shall determine what cities and towns receive a special benefit from the construction of such bridge, and assess upon them and also upon the county the cost of construction in such manner and in such proportions as they shall deem equitable and just. The cost of repairing and maintaining said bridge shall be paid by the cities and towns in said county, or by the county, in such manner and proportions as shall be determined by the county commissioners. Said commissioners, except as aforesaid, may proceed in the same manner as is now by law provided for laying out and constructing highways

May borrow money, apportion cost, etc.

Repairs and maintenance.

Assessments
for better-
ments.

and collecting the cost thereof. The commissioners may make assessments for betterments resulting from the construction of said highway and bridge in like manner and with the same effect that a board of town officers, authorized to lay out ways, may make such assessments under the provisions of chapter fifty-one of the Public Statutes, in towns that have accepted the provisions of chapter one hundred and sixty-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, or of chapter three hundred and eighty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved May 19, 1890.

Chap.302

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLICATION AND PRESENTATION TO THE GENERAL COURT OF CERTAIN PETITIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Amendment to
1885, 24, § 1.

Publication of
certain petitions
to be presented
to the general
court.

Section one of chapter twenty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five is hereby amended so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* Whoever intends to present to the general court a petition for the incorporation of a town or city, or for the division of an existing town or city, or for the incorporation of a railroad, street railway, elevated railroad or canal company, or for the amendment, alteration or extension of the charter or corporate powers or privileges of any such company, either specially incorporated or organized under general laws, or for authority to take water for a water supply, or relative to building structures over navigable or tide-waters, shall give notice of such petition by publishing a copy of the same once a week for three successive weeks in such newspaper or newspapers as the secretary of the Commonwealth, having regard to the locality of the interests involved in such petition, shall direct; the last publication to be made at least fourteen days before the session at which the petition is to be presented.

Approved May 19, 1890.

Chap.303

AN ACT TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FOR THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Additional
water supply
for the city of
Springfield.

SECTION 1. The city of Springfield, acting by its board of water commissioners, may, from time to time by purchase or otherwise and for the purpose of increasing its water