

and shall be assessed upon said county and collected in the same manner as are county taxes.

SECTION 6. The county treasurer of said county shall hold, subject to the order of the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Commission, all sums raised by taxation in the manner provided in section five of this act, and all other sums that may be given or bequeathed to said commission for the purposes of the reservation, as the Wachusett Mountain State Reservation Fund.

Wachusett
Mountain State
Reservation
Fund.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 19, 1899.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TAKING OF LAND BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

Chap. 379

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city council of a city, or the inhabitants of a town at a town meeting regularly called for the purpose, may vote to take in fee any land within the limits of the city or town not appropriated to public uses, for the purpose of erecting thereon any building to be used for a public school, library or engine house, or for the enlargement of any lot taken or used for such purpose, but no land shall be so taken which will make the lot exceed in area one acre. Such vote shall contain a description of the land to be taken, sufficient for identification.

Cities and towns
may take land
for certain
purposes.

SECTION 2. The mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town or a majority thereof, after the passage of any such vote, shall sign and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district of the county in which the land is situated, a statement that the city or town takes the land, giving the description aforesaid and the purpose for which the land is taken, and upon such recording the land so described shall be taken in fee for the city or town.

Description of
land to be
recorded.

SECTION 3. The city council of such city, or the selectmen of such town, shall agree with the persons sustaining damages to their property by the taking of land under this act, and the city or town shall pay the same, but if the parties are unable to agree the damages sustained shall on petition of either party be determined by a jury of the superior court of the county in which the land is situated, in the manner provided by law for determining damages

Damages.

sustained by the taking of land in laying out highways in such city or town, and judgment shall be entered, costs taxed and execution issued as in civil cases, but no petition for such damages shall be entertained after the expiration of two years from the date of the recording of the said statement.

In Boston, duties to be performed by street commissioners, etc.

SECTION 4. The powers conferred upon and the duties to be performed by the city councils of cities under this act shall in the city of Boston be conferred upon and exercised by the board of street commissioners, but their action shall be subject to the approval of the mayor.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 19, 1899.

Chap.380 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF WORCESTER TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL WATER LOAN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Worcester Water Scrip.

SECTION 1. The city of Worcester, for the purposes specified in chapter three hundred and eighty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and for the settlement of damages occasioned by the taking of the waters of Kettle brook and for any other necessary expenditures in connection with the improvement, development and extension of the water works of the said city, is hereby authorized to borrow from time to time such sums of money, to an amount not exceeding seven hundred thousand dollars in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized, and to issue therefor notes, bonds or certificates of indebtedness of said city, as the city council of said city shall deem necessary. Such notes, bonds or certificates shall be denominated on the face thereof, Worcester Water Scrip, and shall be payable at such time or times and shall bear such rate of interest as said city council may determine, and shall not be reckoned in ascertaining the limit of indebtedness of said city, and, except as herein otherwise provided, shall be subject to the provisions of chapter twenty-nine of the Public Statutes and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

Not to be reckoned in ascertaining debt limit, etc.

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

Approved May 19, 1899.