

parcels of merchandise be subject to such by-laws and regulations as may from time to time be made by said towns; and shall also be subject to the provisions of chapter seventy-three of the Public Statutes and to all laws relating to common carriers.

Issue of stock or bonds to be approved by railroad commissioners.

SECTION 7. No stock or bonds shall be issued under this act until the terms of such issue have been submitted to the board of railroad commissioners and approved by them under the general laws relative to the issue of stock and bonds by railroads and street railways. And if they approve such issue a certificate setting forth such approval shall be executed by said board and filed by said company in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Portion of road to be in operation within two years.

SECTION 8. The authority herein granted shall cease unless some portion of the proposed road has been built and put in operation within two years from the passage of this act.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved April 18, 1900.

Chap. 245

AN ACT RELATIVE TO NOMINATION PAPERS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1898, 548, § 109, amended.

SECTION 1. Section one hundred and nine of chapter five hundred and forty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following paragraph: — If, under the provisions of this section, any delegate or set of delegates is described on a nomination paper as favorable to, or pledged to support, any person for an office to be filled, such person may, within two week days of the announcement thereof, file with the secretary of the city or town committee a written request to have said statement stricken from the nomination paper, and the secretary shall do the same forthwith, and said nomination paper shall thereupon be void and of no effect, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 109.* The nomination paper for an elective office shall give the name of the candidate, the street and number, if any, of his residence, and may, in not more than eight words, state his occupation, the public offices he has held, or any other information whereby his identity may be established, and his qualifications for the office to be filled, or his position on any public measure.

Certain information may be given concerning candidates for elective offices.

The nomination paper of a candidate for a caucus office or for a ward or town committee shall state the street and number, if any, of his residence.

Candidates for caucus offices, etc.

There may be added to the name of a person proposed as a delegate to a convention, a statement of not more than eight words that he is favorable to, or is pledged to support, or to oppose, any person for an office to be filled, or is favorable to, or opposed to, any public measure, or is uncommitted.

Delegates to conventions.

If, under the provisions of this section, any delegate or set of delegates is described on a nomination paper as favorable to, or pledged to support, any person for an office to be filled, such person may, within two week days of the announcement thereof, file with the secretary of the city or town committee a written request to have said statement stricken from the nomination paper, and the secretary shall do the same forthwith, and said nomination paper shall thereupon be void and of no effect.

Nomination paper to become void under certain conditions.

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

Approved April 18, 1900.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES TO PENSION FIREMEN.

Chap. 246

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Any city may, by vote of its city council and under such restrictions and subject to such provisions as may be prescribed by such vote or by ordinance, pension: — First, any member of the fire department of such city who has reached the age of sixty-five years and who has performed faithful service in that department for a period of not less than twenty years. Second, any member of the fire department who has performed faithful service in that department for a period of not less than twenty years: *provided*, that he is incapacitated for further useful service.

Firemen in cities may be pensioned.

Proviso.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect in any city upon, and not before, its acceptance by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual or special city election.

Subject to acceptance by voters.

SECTION 3. Whenever a petition signed by not less than two hundred registered voters of any city, requesting that this act be submitted to the voters of such city at the next city election, is filed with the city clerk of the city not less than thirty days before the election is to be held, this act shall be submitted to the voters of the city, at the said election.

To be submitted to voters on petition.

Approved April 18, 1900.