

cities, orders,
etc., exempt
from taxation.

for the exclusive benefit of the members of a fraternity itself operating under the lodge system, and providing life, sick, accident, or other benefits for the members of such society, order, or association, or their dependents, shall be exempt from taxation.

Time of taking
effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but the income received by such societies, orders, or associations between January first, nineteen hundred and sixteen and the date of the passage of this act shall be exempt from taxation under chapter two hundred and sixty-nine of the General Acts of the year nineteen hundred and sixteen.

(The foregoing was laid before the governor on the eighteenth day of April, 1917, and after five days it had "the force of a law", as prescribed by the constitution, as it was not returned by him with his objections thereto within that time.)

Chap.205 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE POWERS OF CITIES AND TOWNS WITH RESPECT TO MUNICIPAL LIGHTING PLANTS AND THE ASSESSMENT OF CERTAIN EXPENSES OF SUPERVISING THE SAME.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

City or town
not to sell
municipal
lighting plant
except when
so authorized
by law.

SECTION 1. A city or town which has acquired a municipal lighting plant shall not sell the same for the purpose of abandoning the distribution of gas or electricity to its inhabitants until such sale has been authorized in the manner and by the votes prescribed by sections ninety-three and ninety-four of chapter seven hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and fourteen for the acquisition of such plants.

1914, 742, § 92,
amended.

SECTION 2. Section ninety-two of said chapter seven hundred and forty-two is hereby amended by striking out the words "except for the operation of electric cars", in the fifth and sixth lines, so as to read as follows:— *Section 92.* A city or town may, in accordance with the provisions of this act, construct, purchase or lease, and maintain within its limits, one or more plants for the manufacture or distribution of gas or electricity for municipal use or for the use of its inhabitants. Such plants may include suitable land, structures and machinery and other apparatus and appliances for manufacturing, using and distributing gas or electricity for said purposes.

Municipal
plants,
establishment,
etc.

1914, 742, § 136,
amended.

SECTION 3. Section one hundred and thirty-six of said chapter seven hundred and forty-two is hereby amended by

striking out said section and inserting in place thereof the following new section,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 136.* All sums of money annually appropriated by the general court for the salaries and expenses of the board, its clerks and employees, shall be apportioned by the tax commissioner among the several gas and electric companies and cities and towns which have acquired municipal lighting plants, and, on or before the first day of July in each year, he shall assess upon each of said companies, cities and towns its share of said sums, in proportion to gross earnings in the case of companies, and in proportion to expense as defined in section one hundred and fourteen in the case of cities and towns, for the year last preceding the year in which the assessment is made; and such assessments in the case of companies shall be collected in the manner in which taxes upon corporations are collected, and in the case of cities and towns, in the manner in which the state tax is collected.

Tax commissioner to apportion expenses of gas and electric light commissioners among companies, cities and towns, etc.

SECTION 4. Section one hundred and seventy-nine of said chapter seven hundred and forty-two is hereby amended by inserting after the word “companies”, in the fifth line, the words:—and cities and towns which have acquired municipal gas plants,—by striking out the word “their”, in the sixth line, and inserting after the word “earnings”, in the same line, the words:—in the case of companies, and to expense as defined in section one hundred and fourteen in the case of cities and towns,—and by inserting after the word “companies”, in the thirteenth line, the words:—and cities and towns,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 179.* The amount of the expenses incurred by the board in the inspection of gas and gas meters and in salaries paid therefor, less the amount deposited with the treasurer and receiver general from the fees for the inspection of meters, shall be borne by the several gas companies and cities and towns which have acquired municipal gas plants in proportion to gross earnings in the case of companies, and to expense as defined in section one hundred and fourteen in the case of cities and towns, and shall be assessed and recovered in the manner provided by section one hundred and thirty-six. If at any time however the amount collected under the provisions of sections one hundred and seventy-seven and one hundred and eighty-five shall exceed the amount of such salaries and expenses, such excess shall be applied to reduce the annual assessment levied upon the several gas companies and cities and towns

1914, 742, § 179, amended.

Expenses for inspection, how borne.

Excess collections, how applied.

under the provisions of said section one hundred and thirty-six, for the annual expenses of the board.

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

Approved April 25, 1917.

Chap.206 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPOSITION OF THE RECORDS OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT AND OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

R. L. 165, § 25, amended.

Disposition of records of supreme judicial court and superior court.

Chapter one hundred and sixty-five of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-five and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 25.* The supreme judicial court shall, by general rule or special order, direct in what manner and to what extent, if any, the papers in causes which are entered in said court or in the superior court shall be extended upon the records, after final judgment or otherwise, and shall be a final record. Such rule or order shall specify whether such extension shall be in whole or in part, in long-hand, typewriting, print or otherwise, or shall consist of the filing of original papers in such causes by loose-leaf system or otherwise.

Approved April 25, 1917.

Chap.207 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Raising, etc., of agricultural products allowed on the Lord's day for certain period.

SECTION 1. The cultivation of land, and the raising, harvesting, conserving and transporting of agricultural products on the Lord's day shall not be unlawful, during the existence of war, and until the first day of January following the termination thereof, between the United States and any other nation.

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

Approved April 27, 1917.

Chap.208 AN ACT TO CODIFY AND AMEND THE LAWS RELATIVE TO THE MANUFACTURE AND SALE OF FOODS AND DRUGS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Penalty for illegal manufacture of foods or drugs.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to manufacture any article of food or drug which is adulterated or misbranded, within the meaning of this act, or which does not comply with the rules and regulations and standards