

the date of an annual meeting, a petition, signed by not less than fifteen per cent of the registered voters of the town may be filed with the selectmen, requesting that the question of revoking the acceptance of this act be submitted to the voters. Thereupon the selectmen shall call a town meeting to be held at a date not later than forty-five days after the filing of the petition, but not between the first day of June and the first Tuesday of September, both dates inclusive. At such meeting, the vote shall be taken in answer to the following question which shall be printed on the official ballot: "Shall the acceptance by the town of Middleborough of an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and twenty, entitled 'An Act to establish a town manager form of government for the town of Middleborough', be revoked?" If such revocation is favored by a majority of the voters voting thereon by ballot, the acceptance of this act shall be revoked from and after the date of the annual town meeting next following such vote. The revocation shall not affect any contract then existing or any action at law or suit in equity or other proceeding then pending. If such acceptance shall be revoked, as aforesaid, this act shall become null and void and thereafter all general laws respecting town government and town officers shall apply to the town of Middleborough, and any special laws relative to said town which are repealed by this act, shall be revived by such revocation. By-laws in force when the revocation takes effect, so far as they are consistent with general laws respecting town government and town officers and with the said special laws, shall not be affected thereby.

*Approved June 3, 1920.*

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*Chap. 593* AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN EMPLOYEES OF THE  
SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

R. L. 10, § 5,  
amended.

Doorkeepers  
and other  
legislative  
employees,  
appointment,  
removal, etc.

Chapter ten of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out section five and substituting the following:—  
*Section 5.* There shall be a doorkeeper for each branch and such assistant doorkeepers as it may direct, together with a postmaster, assistant postmaster, messengers, pages, a clerk to take charge of the legislative document room, and such assistants in that room as may be necessary, who shall assist the sergeant-at-arms as required. The sergeant-at-arms,

shall, immediately after his election, with the approval of the presiding officers of the two branches, appoint such employees as are necessary to fill any existing vacancies. An employee appointed under this section, excepting pages, shall not be removed except with the consent of the presiding officer of the branch to which he is assigned, or of both presiding officers if he is assigned to both branches.

*Approved June 3, 1920.*

AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE REGISTERS OF PROBATE AND INSOLVENCY FOR CERTAIN COUNTIES. Chap.594

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The registers of probate and insolvency for the counties of Berkshire, Essex, Hampden, Middlesex, Norfolk and Suffolk shall be allowed for clerical assistance, in addition to the amounts now allowed by law, amounts not exceeding the following-named sums, to be paid from the treasury of the commonwealth, upon the certificate of the register, approved by a judge of probate and insolvency for the county concerned:—

Clerical assistance to registers of probate and insolvency for certain counties.

The register for the county of Berkshire,	\$100 00
The register for the county of Essex,	2,000 00
The register for the county of Hampden,	800 00
The register for the county of Middlesex,	5,000 00
The register for the county of Norfolk,	1,000 00
The register for the county of Suffolk,	500 00

SECTION 2. The increases for clerical assistance provided for by this act shall not take effect until a sufficient appropriation has been made therefor, and then as of the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and twenty.

Time of taking effect.

*Approved June 3, 1920.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SERVICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER. Chap.595

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Section eighty-two of chapter three hundred and twenty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen, as amended by chapter three hundred and fifty-eight of the acts of the current year, and as affected by chapter two hundred and thirty-four of the General Acts of nineteen

1917, 327 (G), § 82, etc., amended.