

probate or
district courts,
proceedings,
etc.

the judicial district of which, a minor under the age specified in the preceding section resides may, after hearing, make an order allowing the marriage of such minor, if the father of such minor or, if he is not living, or if he lives out of the commonwealth or has deserted his family, the mother or, if neither parent is alive, and resident in the commonwealth, a legal guardian has consented to such order. If the parent whose consent would be required if living in the commonwealth lives outside thereof and the address of such parent is known, such notice of the proceedings shall be given him as the probate or district court may order; but no notice need be given to a parent who has deserted his family. Said court may also after hearing make such order in the case of a person whose age is alleged to exceed that specified in the preceding section, but who is unable to produce an official record of birth, whereby the reasonable doubt of the clerk or registrar, as exercised under section thirty-five, may be removed. Upon receipt of a certified copy of such order by the clerk or registrar of the town where such minor resides, he shall receive the notice required by law and issue a certificate as in other cases. *Approved February 27, 1922.*

Court order
may issue, etc.

Chap. 99 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE VENUE OF ACTIONS FOR SMALL CLAIMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. 218, § 21,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — Actions under this and the four following sections shall be brought in the judicial district where the defendant lives or has his usual place of business.

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G. L. 223, § 2,
amended.

SECTION 2. Section two of chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the beginning thereof the following: — Except as provided in section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and eighteen, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* Except as provided in section twenty-one of chapter two hundred and eighteen, a transitory action in a district court shall be brought in the county where one of the defendants lives or has his usual place of business, or, if commenced by trustee process, in the county where all persons named in the writ as trustees live or have their usual places of business, and, in either case, in a court within whose judicial district one

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of the parties lives or has his usual place of business, except that an action commenced by trustee process may be brought in the municipal court of the city of Boston if any trustee resides or has his usual place of business in Suffolk county.

Said courts shall have jurisdiction of a transitory action against a defendant who is not an inhabitant of the commonwealth, if personal service or an effectual attachment of property is made within the commonwealth; and such action may be brought in any of said courts in the county where the service or attachment was made.

Jurisdiction against certain defendants not state inhabitants.

Approved February 27, 1922.

AN ACT DIRECTING THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO DIVIDE THE CITY INTO WARDS.

Chap.100

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

In the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four, and every tenth year thereafter, the election commissioners of the city of Cambridge shall make a new division of the territory of said city into such number of wards as may be fixed by law. Such division shall be made in accordance with the provisions of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws, so far as the same are not inconsistent herewith.

Election commissioners of Cambridge to divide city into wards.

Approved February 27, 1922.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF CAMBRIDGE TO READJUST THE VOTING PRECINCTS IN SAID CITY.

Chap.101

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

In the city of Cambridge, whenever in the judgment of the election commissioners of said city a new division of precincts is necessary for the proper conduct of primaries and elections, they may make a new division of the wards into voting precincts. Such division shall be made in accordance with the provisions of chapter fifty-four of the General Laws, so far as the same are not inconsistent herewith.

Election commissioners of Cambridge may readjust voting precincts in city.

Approved February 27, 1922.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR BIENNIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF MELROSE.

Chap.102

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Beginning with the second Tuesday of December in the year nineteen hundred and twenty-two,

Biennial municipal elections in city of Melrose.