

in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following clause:—

“Assessor”
defined.

Third, “Assessor” shall include any person chosen or appointed in accordance with law to perform the duties of an assessor.

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 41,
§ 26A, etc.,
amended.

SECTION 2. Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 26A, inserted by chapter 149 of the acts of 1935, and inserting in place thereof the following section:— *Section 26A.* The assessors, or selectmen acting as assessors, may employ counsel at the expense of the city or town in all proceedings under chapter fifty-eight A; provided, that if such city or town maintains a city solicitor or town counsel the assessors, or selectmen acting as assessors, shall not employ other counsel but shall use such solicitor or counsel therefor, whose expenses incurred shall be paid from his general appropriation. The foregoing restriction on the right of the assessors to employ counsel for such purpose shall not apply in case the town has made an appropriation covering the employment of counsel therefor.

Towns, em-
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counsel by.

Approved April 9, 1951.

Chap.216 AN ACT REQUIRING COMMON VICTUALLERS AND OTHERS TO POST MINIMUM CHARGES AND COVER CHARGES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 140,
new § 183D,
added.
Common
victuallers,
etc., to post
cover and
minimum
charges.

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 183C, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section:— *Section 183D.* No innholder, common victualler or person owning, managing or controlling a cafe, restaurant, or other eating or drinking establishment shall require any person to pay a minimum charge or “cover charge” unless a sign is conspicuously posted at every entrance to any dining room or rooms where such charge is required, in letters no less than one inch in height, stating that a minimum charge or “cover charge” shall be charged and also stating the amount of such charge. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

Approved April 9, 1951.

Chap.217 AN ACT ABOLISHING THE CLOSE SEASON ON WOOD DUCK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 131,
§ 61A,
repealed.

Section 61A of chapter 131 of the General Laws, inserted by chapter 232 of the acts of 1945, is hereby repealed.

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Chap.218 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE USE BY THE MUNICIPAL GAS AND ELECTRIC COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HOLYOKE FOR ELECTRIC SUBSTATION PURPOSES OF CERTAIN LANDS ACQUIRED BY SAID CITY FOR PARK AND RECREATION PURPOSES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Holyoke, acting through the park and recreation commission of the city of Holyoke, and upon terms satisfactory to said commission, may transfer the con-