

by which meetings shall be called; (e) the titles, terms, duties and election of officers of the Society; (f) the establishment and election of a council or other body with the power of directors; (g) the establishment and appointment of committees; (h) the method for the creation and arrangement of subordinate societies within districts of the commonwealth with such powers as the fellows may grant to them; and (i) the method by which the by-laws may be amended.

SECTION 3. The last enacting clause of said chapter 15 is hereby further amended by striking out, in line 1, the words "*And be it further enacted,*" and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 5.*

SECTION 4. Chapter forty-nine of the acts of seventeen hundred and eighty-eight, chapter one hundred and twenty-three of the acts of eighteen hundred and two, chapter one hundred and forty-six of the acts of eighteen hundred and thirty, chapter twenty of the acts of eighteen hundred and fifty, chapter eighty-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, chapter two hundred and eighty of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one and chapter nineteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and fifty-eight are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. All by-laws of The Massachusetts Medical Society in effect on the effective date of this act shall remain in full force until such time as the fellows of the Society shall change them.

Approved July 3, 1969.

Chap. 492. AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ESSEX COUNTY TO BORROW MONEY FOR THE PREPARATION OF PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS AND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF LAND FOR A NEW CENTRALIZED PRISON COLONY FOR SAID COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of Essex county are hereby authorized to take by eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise, sufficient land for the construction of suitable and adequate facilities, including parking facilities, for a new centralized prison colony for said county.

After the acquisition of said land, said county commissioners are hereby further authorized to cause plans and specifications to be prepared for the construction of such facilities; provided, that the total cost of such plans and specifications and the cost of acquisition of such land, including legal and appraisal fees, shall not exceed six hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and provided, further, that such plans and specifications shall be so drawn that the total cost of the project including the acquisition of land, the preparation of plans and specifications and the construction and originally equipping of said facilities shall not exceed six million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Any sums received from the federal government for the purposes of this act shall be included in, and considered a part of, the total amount authorized to be expended hereunder.

SECTION 2. For the purposes authorized by section one, the treasurer of said county, with the approval of the county commissioners,

may borrow upon the credit of the county such sums as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes of the county therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Essex County Prison Colony Loan, Act of 1969. Each authorized issue shall constitute a separate loan and such loans shall be payable in not more than twenty years from their dates. The bonds or notes shall be signed by the county treasurer and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value. Indebtedness incurred hereunder shall, except as herein provided, be subject to chapter thirty-five of the General Laws.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved July 7, 1969.

Chap. 493. AN ACT PROVIDING THAT AN EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR SHALL BE HELD TO ANSWER TO AN ACTION BY A CREDITOR OF THE DECEASED COMMENCED THREE MONTHS AFTER THE DATE SAID EXECUTOR OR ADMINISTRATOR HAS FILED HIS OFFICIAL BOND.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 197 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 1, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section:—

Section 1. An executor or administrator shall not be held to answer to an action by a creditor of the deceased commenced within three months after his giving bond for the performance of his trust, unless such action is brought for the recovery of a demand which would not be affected by the insolvency of the estate, or, after the estate has been represented insolvent, for the purpose of ascertaining a contested claim.

SECTION 2. This act shall apply only to estates of persons dying on or after January first, nineteen hundred and seventy.

Approved July 7, 1969.

Chap. 494. AN ACT PROVIDING TENURE OF OFFICE UNTIL AGE SEVENTY FOR CERTAIN INCUMBENTS OF THE OFFICE OF ASSESSOR IN THE CITY OF LOWELL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Raymond F. Barrows and Arthur J. Keenan, incumbents of the office of assessor in the city of Lowell, shall hold their respective offices during good behavior until they reach the age of seventy, unless incapacitated by physical or mental disability from performing the duties thereof, but each may be removed therefrom for cause, after hearing, in the manner provided by section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws.

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

Approved July 8, 1969.