

a decree, the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston shall award costs to the prevailing party, to be taxed as in actions at law; but this provision shall not authorize the awarding of costs to or against the industrial accident board.

In the event of a decree of the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston the court may, on motion of either party, by a brief statement of facts agreeable to the parties, report questions of law raised by the decree to the supreme judicial court for determination.

If an employee appeals to the supreme judicial court from a decree of the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston, said court may, upon motion, certify that the appeal raises a substantial question of law, in which event the expense of printing the necessary records, papers and briefs shall be paid from the fund established by section sixty-five.

Immediately after the entry of a decree, whether final or interlocutory, by the superior court or by the municipal court of the city of Boston under this section the clerk of said court shall prepare and forward to the division an attested copy of such decree. Upon the entry of an interlocutory decree under this section recommitting a case to the industrial accident board, counsel for the parties shall immediately notify said board by appropriate motion for action in accordance with the requirements of such decree.

SECTION 3. Said chapter 152 is hereby further amended by striking out section 11A, as amended by chapter 372 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 11A.* If the certification or appeal to the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston is by the insurer, and the claimant prevails, the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston, and, on further appeal, the single justice, or full bench, shall allow the claimant, in addition to the award in the decree, an amount sufficient to relieve the employee of the reasonable cost of attorney's fees, briefs and other necessary expenses that result from the certification or appeal. If any party in interest presents certified copies to the superior court or the municipal court of the city of Boston under the provisions of section eleven for the purpose of enforcing decisions of the board or a member made in his favor, the court shall likewise allow such party the fees, briefs and expenses provided for by this section. *Approved August 28, 1957.*

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*Chap. 694* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT TO EMPLOY ADDITIONAL LEGAL ASSISTANTS AND A SPECIAL ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 12 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section 20, as appearing in the

Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 20.* The district attorney for the Suffolk district and the district attorney for the northern district may each employ additional legal assistants, with the approval of the chief justice of the superior court. The length of time of such employment, which shall in no instance exceed three months, and the amount of compensation, which shall in no instance exceed two thousand dollars, shall be determined by the district attorney, with the approval of said chief justice. Such compensation shall be paid by the treasurer of Suffolk county or Middlesex county, as the case may be, upon presentation of bills approved by the district attorney, and by said chief justice, and in Suffolk county by the auditor thereof. In matters connected with the work for which he is so employed, an attorney shall have all the powers and authority of an assistant district attorney.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 12 is hereby further amended by striking out section 20A, as most recently amended by section 2 of chapter 686 of the acts of 1956, and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 20A.* The district attorney for the Suffolk district and the district attorney for the northern district may each appoint an attorney at law as a special assistant district attorney, whose duties shall be the listing and assignment of cases, under the supervision of the district attorney, and may remove him at pleasure. Such special assistant shall have all the powers of an assistant district attorney, and shall receive from the commonwealth such salary not exceeding five thousand eight hundred dollars as the district attorney may determine.

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

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MARSHFIELD TO ASSESS BETTERMENTS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS ON CERTAIN PUBLIC WAYS IN SAID TOWN.

*Chap. 695*

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of sections one and two of chapter eighty, and section twenty-seven of chapter eighty-three of the General Laws, assessments for betterments may be validly made by the town of Marshfield for the construction of public improvements on County way, Priscilla road, on Everson road, Leland road, Allan street, Priscilla avenue, Maeker terrace and Tower avenue, public ways in said town of Marshfield, as voted at the annual town meetings of nineteen hundred and fifty-six and nineteen hundred and fifty-seven, which construction was or will be completed during the calendar years nineteen hundred and fifty-six and nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

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

*Approved August 28, 1957.*