

bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting therefrom, or for damage to property, arising out of the operation of a motor or other vehicle or vessel owned by such city or town, to an amount not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars on account of injury to or death of one person, or not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars for any one accident, and not exceeding five thousand dollars on account of damage to property; provided, that after investigation it shall appear to the mayor or selectmen that such officer or employee was at the time the claim arose acting within the scope of his official duties or employment, and provided, further, that the defence or settlement of such claim shall have been made by the city solicitor or the town counsel, or, if the town has no town counsel, by an attorney employed for the purpose by the selectmen, upon the request of said officer or employee and at the direction of the mayor or selectmen. This section shall not apply in respect to so much of a claim against an officer or employee as is covered by a policy of insurance effected by the city or town under clause (1) of section five of chapter forty.

*Approved April 4, 1949.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RECEIPT OF COMPLAINTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS, PROCESS OR WARRANT BY JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

*Chap. 129*

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

Section 1 of chapter 262 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the paragraph amended by chapter 295 of the acts of 1948 and inserting in place thereof the following: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 262, § 1, etc., amended.

For receiving a complaint under section thirty-six of chapter two hundred and eighteen, two dollars; and for issuing a summons, process or warrant under said section, two dollars, except that when more than one summons shall be simultaneously issued against a single defendant, no fee shall be paid for such summonses other than the first one.

Issue of warrants by justice of peace, regulated.

*Approved April 4, 1949.*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

*Chap. 130*

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

SECTION 1. The board of registrars of voters of the city of Springfield is hereby abolished. All the powers, rights, duties and liabilities of said board of registrars either under general or special law except as otherwise provided, are hereby transferred to and shall hereafter be placed upon and exercised by a board of election commissioners in said city, hereinafter called the board, which shall be the lawful successor of said registrars. Immediately upon the acceptance of this act as hereinafter provided, the said registrars of

voters shall deliver to the board all books, papers, records and all other property in their possession.

SECTION 2. The board shall consist of four persons, of whom two shall always represent each one of the two leading political parties, as defined in section one of chapter fifty of the General Laws. They shall receive such compensation as the mayor and city council may determine.

SECTION 3. The members of the board of registrars of voters in office in said city at the time this act takes effect shall be members of said board of election commissioners, and shall serve until the expiration of their respective terms and until their successors are appointed and qualified. As the terms of the several election commissioners expire, and in case a vacancy occurs in said board, the mayor shall, subject to approval by the board of aldermen, so appoint their successors that the members of the board shall equally represent the two leading political parties as defined as aforesaid. Such appointments shall be for terms of four years beginning April first, except that any appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term.

SECTION 4. The board shall organize annually in the month of April by the choice of a chairman and a secretary. In case the members are unable to agree upon a chairman and a secretary, such officers shall be designated by the mayor. The secretary shall keep a full and accurate record of the proceedings of the board and shall perform such other duties as the board may require.

SECTION 5. All the powers, duties and liabilities relating to caucuses, primaries and elections by law vested in and placed upon the mayor, the board of aldermen, the city clerk and the board of registrars of voters except the power and duty of fixing the days and hours and places for holding the same, shall in said city be vested in and placed upon the board of election commissioners.

SECTION 6. The board may appoint such assistant commissioners and such other assistants as it deems necessary, who shall at all times equally represent the two leading political parties as defined as aforesaid.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance during the current year by vote of the city council of said city, subject to the provisions of its charter, but not otherwise.

*Approved April 4, 1949.*

*Chap. 131* AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE PRINTING ON NOMINATION PAPERS AND BALLOTS FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON STATEMENTS AS TO THE HOLDING OF PUBLIC OFFICES BY CANDIDATES AT SUCH ELECTIONS.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 486 of the acts of 1909 is hereby amended by inserting after section 53 the following section: — *Section 53A.* Said nomination papers may state, in not more than eight words, the elective public offices which