

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

the candidate holds or has held, showing clearly that he is a former incumbent thereof if such is the case and, if he is an elected incumbent of an office for which he seeks renomination, that he is a candidate for such renomination.

SECTION 2. Section 54 of said chapter 486, as amended by section 2 of chapter 472 of the acts of 1941, is hereby further amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following:—Forthwith the election commissioners shall print or insert on such nomination papers the names of the candidates, the offices for which they are nominated, their residences, with street and number, if any, and the statement authorized by section fifty-three A, if any.

SECTION 3. Section 57 of said chapter 486 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "candidate" in lines 3 and 4 the words:— and the statement, if any, contained in his nomination papers as authorized by section fifty-three A.

*Approved April 4, 1949.*

AN ACT REQUIRING THE POSTING OF THE SCHEDULE OF ADMISSION PRICES, AND OTHER INFORMATION, BY MANAGERS OF TRAVELING ENTERTAINMENTS.

*Chap. 132*

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

Chapter 140 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 181A, inserted by chapter 534 of the acts of 1948, the following section:—*Section 181B.* The manager of every traveling circus, carnival or other entertainment which members of the general public are invited to attend and view shall cause a complete schedule of the prices for admission to the same, and for seating or other necessary accommodations for its patrons, to be posted, in letters at least one inch high, in a conspicuous place at every box office, ticket booth or other location at which tickets or tokens for such admission are offered for sale. Any person violating this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than fifty dollars.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 140, new § 181B, added.

Managers of traveling entertainments shall post admission prices and other information.

*Approved April 4, 1949.*

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE FINANCIAL YEAR OF ALL FIRE, WATER, LIGHT AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS SHALL END ON DECEMBER THIRTY-FIRST.

*Chap. 133*

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 41 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding after section 119, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section:—*Section 120.* The financial year of all fire, water, light and improvement districts shall end on December thirty-first, notwithstanding the provisions of special laws or district by-laws to the contrary; provided, that the district treasurer shall until January tenth enter on his books all items for the payment

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 41, new § 120, added.

Financial year for all fire, water, etc., districts to end December thirty-first.