

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE PENALTY FOR HUNTING *Chap. 172*  
CERTAIN BIRDS.

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

Section 53 of chapter 131 of the General Laws, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 599 of the acts of 1941, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "taken" in line 11 the words: — , or, in case the complaint relates only to hunting, by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the offence, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 53.* Whoever, except as otherwise provided in this chapter, hunts or has in his possession a wild or undomesticated bird, except an English sparrow, bronzed or purple grackle (crow blackbird), crow, jay, starling, sharp-shinned hawk, Cooper's hawk, goshawk or great horned owl, or wilfully destroys, disturbs or takes a nest or eggs of any wild or undomesticated bird, except such as are not protected by this section, shall be punished by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for each bird taken, killed or had in possession or for each nest or egg disturbed, destroyed, possessed or taken, or, in case the complaint relates only to hunting, by a fine of not less than twenty nor more than fifty dollars for the offence; but an owner or tenant of land, or, if authorized by such owner or tenant, any member of his family or person permanently employed thereon, may kill or attempt to kill any wild bird which he has reasonable cause to believe has damaged or is about to damage any property, including domesticated animals, poultry and game on game-rearing farms or preserves, and a person who has a certificate from the director that he is engaged in the scientific study of ornithology or is collecting in the interests of a scientific institution may at any time take or kill, or take the nests or eggs of, a wild or undomesticated bird, except woodcock, ruffed grouse and quail. This section shall not authorize a person to enter upon private grounds without the consent of the owner thereof for the purpose of taking nests or eggs or killing birds. No city, town, county or private organization shall offer or pay bounties for the killing or taking of any bird.

*Approved March 18, 1947.*

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 131, § 53, etc., amended.

Hunting certain birds, regulated.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR PARTY NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTIVE *Chap. 173*  
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS IN THE CITY OF BROCKTON.

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

SECTION 1. So much of section sixteen of chapter forty-three of the General Laws as provides that no primary or caucus for municipal officers shall be held in cities governed under a standard form of city charter and so much of said chapter as provides for the nomination at preliminary elections of candidates for elective municipal office in such cities shall not apply in the city of Brockton.

SECTION 2. Nominations of candidates for municipal elective office in said city shall be made by nomination papers as provided in section six of chapter fifty-three of the General Laws and by political parties in primaries held in accordance with the provisions of sections twenty-three to forty A and fifty-seven to sixty-four, all inclusive, of said chapter fifty-three. Section fifty-six of said chapter fifty-three relative to the acceptance or rejection of said provisions shall not apply in said city.

SECTION 3. This act shall be submitted to the registered voters of said city at the biennial municipal election in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven in the form of the following question which shall be placed on the official ballot at said election: — "Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled 'An Act providing for party nominations for elective municipal officers in the city of Brockton' be accepted?" If a majority of the votes cast on said question are in the affirmative, this act shall take full effect for the purposes of each biennial municipal election in said city thereafter, but not otherwise.

*Approved March 18, 1947.*

**Chap. 174** AN ACT TEMPORARILY REVIVING THE LEOMINSTER ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DISTRIBUTING ITS ASSETS.

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

The Leominster Athletic Association, a corporation dissolved by section one of chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-six, is hereby revived for a period of two years for the sole purpose of distributing its assets.

*Approved March 18, 1947.*

**Chap. 175** AN ACT EXTENDING THE TERRITORY OF THE BARNSTABLE FIRE DISTRICT.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 109 of the acts of 1926, as amended, is hereby further amended by striking out section 1 and inserting in place thereof the following section: — *Section 1.* The inhabitants of the town of Barnstable liable to taxation in said town and residing within the territory comprised within the following boundary lines, to wit: — Beginning at a point at Barnstable harbor on the dividing line between the towns of Yarmouth and Barnstable; thence running southerly on said boundary line to a point two thousand feet distant southerly from the southerly line of the old county road, now in part a Massachusetts state highway, in the village of Barnstable; thence running westerly on a line parallel with and two thousand feet distant southerly from the southerly line of said county road or highway to Braggs lane; thence running southerly by Braggs lane, Gull