

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 233, new § 79A, inserted.

Photographic copies as evidence.

SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and thirty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section seventy-nine, as amended, the following new section:—*Section 79A.* Copies of public records, of records described in sections five, seven and sixteen, respectively, of chapter sixty-six, and of records of banks, trust companies and hospitals, whether or not such records are made by the photographic or microphotographic process, shall, when duly certified by the person in charge thereof, be admitted in evidence equally with the originals.

Approved October 20, 1941.

Chap. 663 AN ACT FURTHER DEFINING THE WORDS "BIRDS" AND "MAMMALS" IN THE LAWS RELATING TO INLAND FISHERIES, BIRDS AND MAMMALS.

Emergency preamble.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat one of its purposes, which is to make the changes made by it in section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws take effect simultaneously with the revision of said chapter contained in section two of chapter five hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of the current year, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

"Birds" defined.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and thirty-one of the General Laws, as appearing in section two of chapter five hundred and ninety-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-one, is hereby amended by striking out the definition of "Birds" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—"Birds", wild or undomesticated birds.

"Mammals" defined.

SECTION 2. Said section one, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by striking out the definition of "Mammals" and inserting in place thereof the following definition:—"Mammals", wild or undomesticated mammals.

Effective date.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective on January first, nineteen hundred and forty-two.

Approved October 21, 1941.

Chap. 664 AN ACT LIMITING THE NUMBER OF SPECIAL JUSTICES OF CERTAIN DISTRICT COURTS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 218, § 6, amended.

Special justices.

SECTION 1. Section six of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:— Each district court, except the municipal court of the city of Boston, shall consist of one justice and one special justice.

SECTION 2. This act shall not affect the tenure of office of any special justice in office upon its passage. No vacancy in said office in any district court subject to this act, whether existing before its passage or occurring thereafter, shall be filled at any time when there is one special justice of such court in office. Exception.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage. Effective date.
Approved October 21, 1941.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES IN DRACUT AS AN ADDITION TO THE LOWELL-DRACUT STATE FOREST. Chap.665

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The commissioner of conservation is hereby authorized to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, subject to chapter one hundred and thirty-two of the General Laws, except the provision limiting the cost per acre of land so acquired, a tract of land with the buildings thereon situated in the town of Dracut adjoining the present state forest boundaries, comprising not more than ninety-five acres, at a cost to the commonwealth of not exceeding seventy-five hundred dollars for acquisition of said property; and for improvements thereon said commissioner may expend an additional sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars.

Approved October 21, 1941.

AN ACT GRANTING THE CONSENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH TO THE ACQUISITION BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA OF CERTAIN LANDS FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION FACILITY IN THE TOWN OF BEDFORD. Chap.666

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The consent of the commonwealth is hereby granted to the acquisition by the United States of America, by purchase or condemnation, for use as an addition to the reservation of the Veterans' Administration Facility in the town of Bedford, of a certain tract of land situated in said town and formerly owned by Sarah J. F. Brown, and of certain additional lands formerly owned by the Estate of William Richardson Hayden, Arthur H. Hayden, trustee, bounded and described as follows:—

Parcel 1 (Brown tract): Beginning at a point in the east line of Spring road, sometimes called Springs road, said point being the southwest corner of the Hayden property, and running thence north seventy-three degrees, thirteen minutes east along the Hayden property, a distance of two hundred sixteen feet to a point; thence south one degree, two minutes, fifty-five seconds west along the aforementioned Hayden property, a distance of two hundred seven and eight tenths feet to a point in the boundary line of the Veterans'