

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 31, § 13, amended.

Statements required of applicants for civil service examinations.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 276, § 90, amended.

Inspection of records by probation officers.

SECTION 2. Section thirteen of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following:— or as to any act of waywardness or delinquency committed before the applicant reached the age of seventeen, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 13.* Every application shall state under oath the full name, residence and post office address, citizenship, age, place of birth, health and physical capacity, right of preference as a veteran, previous employment in the public service, occupation and residence for the previous five years and education of the applicant, and such other information as may be reasonably required relative to his fitness for the public service; but no question shall be asked in such application or in any examination requiring a statement as to any offence committed before the applicant reached the age of sixteen or as to any act of waywardness or delinquency committed before the applicant reached the age of seventeen.

SECTION 3. Section ninety of chapter two hundred and seventy-six of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following:— ; provided, that his records in cases arising under sections fifty-two to fifty-nine, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and nineteen shall not be open to inspection without the consent of a justice of his court,— so as to read as follows:— *Section 90.* A probation officer shall not be an active member of the regular police force, but so far as necessary in the performance of his official duties shall, except as otherwise provided, have all the powers of a police officer, and if appointed by the superior court may, by its direction, act in any part of the commonwealth. He shall report to the court, and his records may at all times be inspected by police officials of the towns of the commonwealth; provided, that his records in cases arising under sections fifty-two to fifty-nine, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and nineteen shall not be open to inspection without the consent of a justice of his court.

*Approved April 5, 1938.*

*Chap. 175* AN ACT RELATIVE TO APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENT OF TAXES IN CITIES, OTHER THAN BOSTON, FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE ANNUAL BUDGET OR CERTAIN OTHER LEGAL REQUIREMENTS.

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

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 44, § 32, amended.

Annual budgets in cities, preparation of.

SECTION 1. Section thirty-two of chapter forty-four of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:—

If, upon the expiration of sixty days after the annual organization of the city government in any year, the mayor or commissioner or director of finance, as the case may be, shall not have submitted to the city council the annual budget for said year, the city council shall forthwith upon its

own initiative prepare the annual budget; and in such case the city council shall have the same authority to require estimates of the expenditures of the several departments and offices of the city as is hereinbefore given to the mayor or commissioner or director of finance, as the case may be. As soon as may be after its preparation of the annual budget, the city council shall proceed to act thereon and all amounts voted by it shall be valid appropriations for the purposes stated therein without the approval of the mayor or commissioner or director of finance, as the case may be.

SECTION 2. Section twenty-three of chapter fifty-nine of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph: —

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 59, § 23, amended.

If, prior to May tenth in any year, the assessors of any city except Boston shall not have received from the city clerk a certificate under section fifteen A of chapter forty-one of the appropriations voted for the annual budget for said year and if it appears to them, after inquiry of the city clerk, that such appropriations have not been voted, they shall forthwith assess a tax for said year in accordance with the provisions of this section, except that, in determining the amount of the tax to be assessed, there shall be considered as having been appropriated for the annual budget for said year an amount equal to the aggregate appropriations voted for the annual budget for the next preceding year.

Fixing of annual assessment of taxes in case of failure to pass city budget.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE KINDS OF BUSINESS THAT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES MAY TRANSACT. *Chap. 176*

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

Section forty-seven of chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out clause First, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following: — First, To insure against loss or damage to property by fire, smoke, smudge, lightning and other electrical disturbances, collision, collapse, fall, wind, tornado, tempest, cyclone, earthquake, volcanic eruption, hail, frost, snow, ice, weather or climatic conditions, including excess or deficiency of moisture, flood, rain or drought, rising of the waters of the ocean or its tributaries, bombardment, invasion, foreign enemies, insurrection, riot, sabotage, war, civil war or commotion, military or usurped power, vandalism, malicious mischief, strikes, labor disturbances, looting, explosion fire ensuing, and explosion no fire ensuing except explosion of steam boilers and flywheels; also to insure against loss or damage by insects, disease or other causes, to trees, crops or other products of the soil; and against loss of use or occupancy due to any of said causes.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 175, § 47, amended.

Fire insurance companies, kinds of business authorized.

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