

AN ACT AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF DIVIDENDS FROM CLOSED BANKS TO CERTAIN MINORS AND TO THE NEXT OF KIN OF CERTAIN DECEASED PERSONS.

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Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter one hundred and sixty-seven of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition thereof, is hereby amended by inserting after section thirty-one the following new section:— *Section 31A.* In the case of dividends payable under section thirty-one to a minor, having no known guardian, on a deposit which does not exceed one hundred dollars, the commissioner, in his discretion, may make any dividend payment to such minor or either of his parents, and such payment shall be a valid discharge to the same extent as if made to the legal representative of such minor. In the case of a deposit which does not exceed one hundred dollars standing in the name of a decedent for the allowance of whose will or for the administration of whose estate no petition has been filed within sixty days after his death, the commissioner, in his discretion, may make any dividend payment, payable under said section, on account of such deposit, to the person or persons whom he finds entitled thereto, and such payment shall be a valid discharge to the same extent as if made to the legal representative of the decedent.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 167, new section after § 31.

Commissioner of banks may pay dividends from closed banks to certain minors, etc.

Approved June 21, 1933.

AN ACT CONFIRMING AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN BOUNDARY LINES IN TIDE WATER.

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Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter one of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section three, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition thereof, and inserting in place thereof the following:— *Section 3.* The territorial limits of the commonwealth shall extend one marine league from its seashore at extreme low water mark, and the exterior line of the commonwealth as located and defined by the board of harbor and land commissioners under chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-one shall be prima facie the marine boundary of the commonwealth. If an inlet or arm of the sea does not exceed two marine leagues in width between its headlands, a straight line from one headland to the other shall be equivalent to the shore line.

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 1, § 3, amended.

Marine boundaries of the commonwealth.

SECTION 2. Chapter thirty-four of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one, as so ap-

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 34, § 1, amended.

Seaward
boundaries of
counties.

pearing, and inserting in place thereof the following:—
Section 1. The seaward boundary of counties bordering on the open sea shall coincide with the marine boundary of the commonwealth. The boundary lines in tide water between adjacent coastal counties shall coincide with and are hereby established to be the boundary lines in tide water between the adjoining coastal municipalities of said counties, as confirmed and established by section one of chapter forty-two. Counties separated by waters within the jurisdiction of the commonwealth shall exercise a concurrent jurisdiction over such waters. Each county shall be a body politic and corporate for the purposes of suit, of buying and holding, for county uses, personal estate and land lying therein, and of contracting and doing other necessary acts relative to its property and affairs.

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 42, § 1,
amended.

Seaward
boundaries
of cities and
towns.

SECTION 3. Chapter forty-two of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section one, as so appearing, and inserting in place thereof the following:—*Section 1.* The seaward boundary of cities and towns bordering on the open sea shall coincide with the marine boundary of the commonwealth. The boundary lines in tide water between adjacent coastal municipalities, as located and defined by the board of harbor and land commissioners under chapter one hundred and ninety-six of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty-one, except in so far as the boundary lines so located and defined purported to vary boundary lines in tide water between municipalities theretofore established by the general court, together with such boundary lines theretofore so established, as such boundary lines have been subsequently changed by the general court or defined by decrees of the land court, with such additions to or subtractions from the length thereof as have been made by natural changes in the shore line of the commonwealth, are hereby confirmed and established as the legal boundary lines in tide water between said adjacent municipalities; provided, that such boundary lines shall hereafter be changed from time to time to conform to any change in said shore line.
Approved June 21, 1933.

Chap. 279 AN ACT TO IMPOUND THE BIRTH RECORDS OF CHILDREN BORN OUT OF WEDLOCK.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter.
Ed.), 46, new
section after
§ 2.

Impounding
of certain
birth records.

Chapter forty-six of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section two, as appearing in the Tercenary Edition thereof, the following new section:—
Section 2A. Examination of records and returns of illegitimate births, or of copies of such records in the office of the state secretary, shall not be permitted except upon proper judicial order, or upon request of a person seeking his own birth record, or his attorney, parent, guardian or conservator, or of a person whose official duties, in the opinion of the