

it shall review such action, hear any or all of the witnesses and determine whether or not upon all the evidence such action was justified. If the court finds that such action was justified, the decision at the hearing shall be affirmed; otherwise it shall be reversed and the petitioner shall be reinstated in his office without loss of compensation. The decision of the court shall be final and conclusive upon the parties.

Decision of court to be final, etc.

SECTION 2. Section forty-four of said chapter thirty-one is hereby repealed.

G. L. 31, § 44, repealed.

SECTION 3. Every police officer holding an office classified under the civil service rules in the city of Boston, whether for a definite or stated term, or otherwise, shall hold such office continuously during good behavior, and shall not be removed therefrom, lowered in rank or compensation, or suspended, or without his consent transferred from such office or employment to any other, except for just cause and for reasons specifically given in writing by the removing officer or board within twenty-four hours after such removal, suspension, transfer or lowering in rank or compensation; and every police officer sought to be so removed, lowered in rank or compensation, suspended or transferred shall be entitled to a public hearing, the same in all respects as provided in section forty-three of chapter thirty-one of the General Laws, including notice of decision, reinstatement and record of proceedings.

Police officers under civil service rules in city of Boston, duration of office, removal, lowering in rank or compensation, etc.

Public hearing.

*Approved April 9, 1923.*

AN ACT PLACING THE TOWN OF HALIFAX IN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF BROCKTON.

*Chap. 243*

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and eighteen of the General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and thirty of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-one, is hereby further amended by striking out the comma after the word "Duxbury" in the one hundred and thirty-second line and inserting in place thereof the word: — and, — by striking out, in the same line, the words "and Halifax", — and by inserting after the words "East Bridgewater" in the one hundred and thirty-seventh line the word: —, Halifax, — so that the clauses contained in the one hundred and thirty-first to the one hundred and thirty-seventh lines, both inclusive, will read as follows: —

G. L. 218, § 1, etc., amended.

The third district court of Plymouth, held at Plymouth; Plymouth, Kingston, Plympton, Pembroke, Duxbury and Marshfield.

District courts, territorial jurisdiction, etc.

The fourth district court of Plymouth, held at Middleborough and Wareham; Middleborough, Wareham, Lakeville, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester and Carver.

Third Plymouth. Fourth Plymouth.

The district court of Brockton, held at Brockton; Brockton, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Halifax and West Bridgewater.

District court of Brockton.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on August first in the current year; but it shall not affect any action or proceeding brought in the third district court of Plymouth prior to the time it takes effect.

Time of taking effect, etc.

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