

other city, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The taxes assessed on property, exclusive of the state tax, county tax and sums required by law to be raised on account of the city debt, shall not exceed in any year in the city of Boston ten and one half dollars, and in any other city twelve dollars, on every one thousand dollars of the average of the assessors' valuations of the taxable property therein for the preceding three years, the valuation for each year being first reduced by the amount of all abatements allowed thereon previous to the thirty-first day of December in the year preceding said assessment, and any order or appropriation requiring a larger assessment than is herein limited shall be void. Limit of rate of taxation in cities.

SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five and chapter two hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven are hereby repealed. Repeal.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 26, 1900.*

AN ACT TO ABOLISH THE POLICE COURT OF GLOUCESTER AND TO ESTABLISH THE DISTRICT COURT OF EASTERN ESSEX. Chap. 400

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

SECTION 1. The police court of Gloucester is hereby abolished. Police court of Gloucester abolished.

SECTION 2. A court is hereby established in Gloucester, under the name of the District Court of Eastern Essex, and the district and territory now included in Gloucester, Rockport and Essex shall constitute a judicial district under the jurisdiction of said court. District Court of Eastern Essex established, etc.

SECTION 3. Said court shall have a proper seal, and shall have the same civil and criminal jurisdiction in all respects as that heretofore possessed by the police court of Gloucester. Jurisdiction, etc.

SECTION 4. All civil and criminal cases and proceedings pending in or returnable to said police court of Gloucester when this act takes full effect shall be transferred to or returned into said district court of eastern Essex, which shall thereafter have jurisdiction thereof. Pending proceedings to be transferred, etc.

SECTION 5. There shall be one justice and two special justices and a clerk of said court, appointed in the manner and with the tenure of office respectively provided in the case of justices and clerks of other district courts. All Justices and clerk, etc.

the provisions of law applicable in common to other district courts shall be applicable to said court.

Salaries.

SECTION 6. The salary of the justice of said court shall be eighteen hundred dollars a year, and the salary of the clerk thereof shall be one thousand dollars a year.

Records to remain in custody of clerk.

SECTION 7. The records of said police court of Gloucester shall remain in the custody of the clerk of said district court of eastern Essex.

When to take effect.

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon its passage so far as it provides for appointing, commissioning and qualifying the justice and special justices and clerk of the court hereby established, and shall take full effect on the first day of July in the year nineteen hundred.

*Approved June 26, 1900.*

*Chap.401* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NEW BEDFORD POLICE ASSOCIATION.

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

The New Bedford Police Association may pay a certain sum to members.

SECTION 1. The New Bedford Police Association, a corporation duly established by law, acting by its board of directors, is hereby authorized to pay or cause to be paid from its contingent fund to any member in good standing, upon the death of his wife, the sum of one hundred dollars.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved June 27, 1900.*

*Chap.402* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF NORTH ADAMS TO TAKE LAND FOR A PUBLIC PARK.

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

The city of North Adams may take certain land, etc., for a public park.

SECTION 1. The city of North Adams is hereby authorized to take land and rights in land on the east side of North Church street in that city, by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, and the city is also hereby authorized to take the land on the east side of North Church street, formerly used as a public burial ground and known as the North Church Street Cemetery, the record title to which is in the names of the deacons of the First Baptist Church of North Adams as trustees, and the rights in land and rights of way connected therewith, by purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, and to hold and maintain all such land and rights in land, and rights of way for a public park or common, and may, subject to the provisions of section three of this act, remove the

Removal of remains of dead, etc.