

*Chap.*181 AN ACT RELATIVE TO WIRES AND ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES IN THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1900, 276, § 1,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and seventy-six of the acts of the year nineteen hundred is hereby amended by striking out the word "or", in the fifth line, and by inserting after the word "light", in the sixth line, the following words: — electric motor and power, street railway power and feed, and all other, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 1.* The city council of the city of Springfield may by ordinance designate some officer or officers of the city, who shall have exclusive authority to cause to be removed from the streets of the city within the district hereinafter prescribed, all telegraph, telephone, electric light, electric motor and power, street railway power and feed, and all other wires, cables or conductors, in or above said streets, and all poles and structures in said streets used for the support of the same, except such structures, poles, wires, cables and conductors as are hereinafter excepted, and to cause all such wires, cables and conductors to be placed, maintained and operated in underground conduits.

Removal of
wires, etc., from
the streets of
Springfield.

1900, 276, § 2,
amended.

SECTION 2. Section two of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words "telegraph, telephone or electric light", in the twelfth line, and inserting in place thereof the word: — such, — and by striking out the words "telegraph, telephone or electric light", in the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth lines, so as to read as follows: — *Section 2.* The provisions of this act shall apply to that district of the city of Springfield which is bounded by a circumference whose centre is Court square and whose radius is two miles in length from said centre. And said officer or officers, within thirty days after appointment, and in each January thereafter until the work in the said district is completed, shall prescribe, giving public notice thereof in at least two daily newspapers in said city, by advertising therein twice a week for two weeks in succession, a part of said district, consisting of not less than three nor more than five miles of streets, within which part all such wires, cables and conductors, except such as are hereinafter excepted, shall, during that calendar year, be removed or placed underground; and

To apply to a
certain district.

Certain wires,
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said officer or officers shall cause the owners or users of such wires, cables and conductors, to remove or place them underground, and also to remove any poles or structures used in the streets to support such wires, cables or conductors, except when, in the judgment of said officer or officers, it is impracticable or inexpedient to remove such wires, cables, poles, conductors or structures; it being the purpose and intent of this act ultimately to cause the removal from public streets, avenues and high-ways in said district of all wires, cables and conductors, except such as are hereinafter excepted.

SECTION 3. Section three of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words "telegraph, telephone or electric light", in the third and fourth lines, and inserting in place thereof the word: — any, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 3.* After a part of said district has been prescribed as aforesaid no person, firm or corporation shall place any poles or other structures for the support of any wires, cables or conductors, except those herein specially excepted, in any street thereof, except temporarily, with the consent of said officer or officers, in the case of an emergency; and if after the expiration of that calendar year there shall remain in any such street any poles, structures, wires, cables or conductors which said officer or officers shall have ordered to be removed or placed underground, the said officers shall cause the same to be removed; and the city may collect from the owners or users, by an action at law, any expense involved in such removal.

1900, 276, § 3,
amended.

Not to place
certain struc-
tures in pre-
scribed district,
except, etc.

SECTION 4. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended by inserting after the word "conductors", in the fourth line, the words: — or to street railway trolley, guard or span wires, to poles or structures used exclusively for the support thereof, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 4.* This act shall not apply to long distance telephone wires, or to posts for the support of lamps exclusively, or to poles used exclusively for local distribution from underground wires, cables or conductors, or to street railway trolley, guard or span wires, to poles or structures used exclusively for the support thereof, or to poles and wires used for lighting the public streets and public buildings of the city of Springfield under existing contracts with said city, during the continuance of said contracts; nor shall it revoke any rights already granted to any per-

1900, 276, § 4,
amended.

Not to apply to
long distance
telephone wires,
etc.

Not to revoke certain rights granted, etc.

son, firm or corporation to place or maintain any conduits, pipes, wires, cables or conductors underground; but any such conduits, pipes, wires, cables or conductors laid hereafter in pursuance of any such grant shall be laid subject to the provisions of this act, so far as they are not inconsistent with the terms of such grant. For the purposes of this act no wire shall be deemed a long distance telephone wire which is not connected with some central telephone office in the city, and which does not extend twenty-five miles at least in a direct line from the central office.

Approved March 21, 1901.

Chap. 182

AN ACT RELATIVE TO SAINT PAUL'S PARISH, MALDEN.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

May change its name.

SECTION 1. The Protestant Episcopal Society of the city of Malden, organized under the general laws and under chapter one hundred and thirty-four of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy, is hereby authorized to take and be known by the name Saint Paul's Parish, Malden.

Property, etc., to vest in Saint Paul's Parish, Malden.

SECTION 2. All property held by said society under said name or under the name of Grace Church, Saint Paul's Church, Saint Paul's Church and Parish, or Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, or held by any other society of which it is the successor, or held by said society under any other name whatever, or held for its benefit under said name or any other name whatever, and all conveyances or gifts, either of real or personal estate, made to it or for its benefit under any of said names, or any other name whatever, or to said Grace Church or to any other society of which it is the successor, are hereby vested in and confirmed to it and to its benefit and use under the name of Saint Paul's Parish, Malden.

Certain acts confirmed, etc.

SECTION 3. All acts done by Grace Church, by Saint Paul's Church and by the society authorized by said chapter one hundred and thirty-four to be known as Saint Paul's Church and Parish, or however otherwise it may be known, are hereby authorized and confirmed under whatever name done as if done under the name to which the society doing the same was entitled by law.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved March 21, 1901.