

so far as they may be applicable, apply to the indebtedness hereby authorized and to the securities issued therefor.

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

*Approved April 16, 1901.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE WEBSTER AND DUDLEY STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

*Chap. 293*

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

SECTION 1. The Webster and Dudley Street Railway Company is hereby authorized to lease, and to operate by electricity, the whole or any part of such railways as its railway shall intersect or connect with, and any company owning such a railway is authorized to lease the whole or any part of it to the Webster and Dudley Street Railway Company. The Webster and Dudley Street Railway Company is also authorized to lease its property and franchises to any company owning or operating a railway which intersects or connects with a railway operated by it.

The Webster and Dudley Street Railway Company may lease and operate certain railways, etc.

SECTION 2. No lease made under the authority of this act shall be valid or binding until the terms thereof have been agreed to by a majority of the directors of each of the companies which are parties thereto, and by a majority in interest of their respective stockholders, at meetings duly called for the purpose, nor until the terms of such lease shall have been approved by the board of railroad commissioners as being consistent with the public interest.

Terms of lease to be approved by board of railroad commissioners, etc.

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

*Approved April 16, 1901.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALE OR ABANDONMENT OF LANDS BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

*Chap. 294*

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the board or other authority of a city or town having charge of any land or easement or right taken for such city or town, otherwise than by purchase, shall notify the city council of the city or the selectmen of the town that in their opinion such land, easement or right, or part thereof, is no longer required for public purposes, and said city council shall thereafter by vote of two thirds of all the members of each branch thereof, or of the single branch thereof when it consists

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of one branch, or the inhabitants of the town shall thereafter by vote of two thirds of the said inhabitants present and voting at any town meeting called for the purpose, authorize the conveyance of such land or of part thereof, or the abandonment of such easement or right or of part thereof, specifying the minimum sum to be paid for such conveyance or abandonment, the mayor of the city or the selectmen of the town may, for such sum or a larger sum, and upon such other terms as the mayor or selectmen shall deem proper, by deed convey the said land, or part thereof, or declare the said easement or right, or part thereof, to be abandoned; and any such declaration recorded in the registry of deeds for the county and district in which the land is situated shall extinguish the right or easement.

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

*Approved April 16, 1901.*

*Chap. 295* AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE CLERK OF THE CENTRAL DISTRICT COURT OF NORTHERN ESSEX.

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

Clerical assistance.

SECTION 1. The clerk of the central district court of northern Essex shall be allowed for clerical assistance, upon his certificate stating the time occupied and the name of the person or persons by whom the work was performed, provided the justice of the said court shall certify that the work was necessary and was actually performed, such sums, not exceeding four hundred dollars in any one year, as the county commissioners for the county of Essex may approve. Said sums shall be paid monthly from the treasury of the county to the person or persons employed.

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

*Approved April 16, 1901.*

*Chap. 296* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE INSURANCE COMPANIES TO INSURE AGAINST LOSS ARISING FROM ACCIDENTS TO MACHINERY AND FROM SIMILAR CAUSES.

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

1894, 522, § 29, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Section twenty-nine of chapter five hundred and twenty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, as amended by section one of chapter four hundred and seventy-four of the acts of the