

Employment
etc., of persons
by public
service cor-
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restricted.

judge of probate, justice of a police, district or municipal court, district attorney, member or member elect of a board of county commissioners, or candidate for county commissioner, member or member elect of a board of aldermen, or selectmen, or city council, or any executive, administrative or judicial officer, clerk or employee of any branch of the government of the Commonwealth or of any county, city or town; nor shall any such public officer or body, or any member or member elect thereof or candidate therefor, directly or indirectly advocate, oppose, or otherwise interfere in, or make any request, recommendation, endorsement, requirement or certificate relative to, and the same, if made, shall not be required as a condition precedent to, or be in any way regarded or permitted to influence or control, the appointment, promotion, reinstatement or retention of any person employed or seeking employment by any such corporation, and no such person shall solicit, obtain, exhibit, or otherwise make use of any such official request, recommendation, certificate or endorsement in connection with any existing or desired employment by a public service corporation.

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SECTION 2. The offices of probation officer, notary public and justice of the peace shall not be considered public offices within the meaning of this act.

Penalty.

SECTION 3. Any person or corporation violating the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

Approved May 5, 1903.

Chap. 321 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CARE OF THE INSANE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1900, 451, § 2,
amended.

Section two of chapter four hundred and fifty-one of the acts of the year nineteen hundred is hereby amended by inserting after the word "city", in the fourth line, the words:—and are cared for in said hospitals,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 2.* The hospitals now or hereafter established and maintained by the city of Boston for the board, care and treatment of the insane, and all insane persons who have a settlement in said city and are cared for in said hospitals, shall be excepted from the operation of this act and shall be and remain under the operation of the existing acts relating to insane persons; and the

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bills for the board, care and treatment of patients in said hospitals, from and after said first day of January, at the rate of three dollars and twenty-five cents per week, or as hereafter fixed by the legislature, shall be paid by the Commonwealth, except the bills of patients who, or whose kindred bound by law to support such patients, are of sufficient ability to pay for such board, care and treatment as determined by the board having charge of said hospitals.

Approved May 5, 1903.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT TESTS BY THE USE OF TUBERCULIN SHALL BE MADE WITHOUT CHARGE TO CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Chap.322

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section thirty-one of chapter ninety of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of said section the words:—Such tests by the use of tuberculin shall be made without charge to citizens of the Commonwealth, and in all other cases the expense of such tests shall be paid by the owner of such animals or by the person in possession thereof,—so as to read as follows:—*Section 31.* Tuberculin as a diagnostic agent for the detection of tuberculosis in domestic animals shall be used only upon cattle brought into the Commonwealth and upon cattle at Brighton, Watertown and Somerville; but it may be used as such diagnostic agent on any animal in any other part of the Commonwealth, with the consent in writing of the owner or person in possession thereof, and upon animals which have been condemned as tuberculous upon physical examination by a competent veterinary surgeon. Such tests by the use of tuberculin shall be made without charge to citizens of the Commonwealth, and in all other cases the expense of such tests shall be paid by the owner of such animals or by the person in possession thereof.

R. L. 90, § 31, amended.

Use of tuberculin restricted, etc.

Approved May 5, 1903.

AN ACT MAKING CERTAIN CHANGES IN THE SERGEANT-AT-ARMS' DEPARTMENT.

Chap.323

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section eleven of chapter ten of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the words "and the postmaster", in the fourth line, and by adding

R. L. 10, § 11, amended.