

of twenty-five hundred dollars a year, one clerk at a salary of twenty-two hundred dollars a year, four clerks at a salary of fifteen hundred dollars a year each, and a messenger at a salary of not more than nine hundred dollars a year. He may also employ such additional clerical assistance as may be necessary, at an expense not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars a year. If, by reason of sickness, absence or other cause, the auditor is temporarily unable to perform the duties of his office, the first clerk in his office shall act as his deputy and perform the duties of the auditor until such disability ceases.

First clerk to act as deputy in certain cases.

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

Approved March 9, 1905.

Chap. 150 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RANK AND COMPENSATION OF VETERANS EMPLOYED IN THE CIVIL SERVICE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

R. L. 19, § 23, amended.

SECTION 1. Section twenty-three of chapter nineteen of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the word "abolished", in the fifth line, the words:— nor shall he be lowered in rank or compensation, — by inserting after the word "transfer", in the seventh line, the words:— lowering in rank or compensation, — and by inserting after the word "transfer", in the twelfth line, the words:— lowering in rank or compensation, — so as to read as follows:— *Section 23.* No veteran who holds an office or employment in the public service of the Commonwealth, or of any city or town therein, shall be removed or suspended, or shall, without his consent, be transferred from such office or employment, nor shall his office be abolished, nor shall he be lowered in rank or compensation, except after a full hearing of which he shall have at least seventy-two hours' written notice, with a statement of the reasons for the contemplated removal, suspension, transfer, lowering in rank or compensation, or abolition. The hearing shall be before the state board of conciliation and arbitration, if the veteran is a state employee, or before the mayor of the city or selectmen of the town of which he is an employee, and the veteran shall have the right to be present and to be represented by counsel. Such removal, suspension or transfer, lowering in rank or compensation, or such abolition of an office, shall be made only upon a written order stating fully and spe-

Veterans not to be removed, etc., without a hearing, etc.

cifically the cause or causes therefor, and signed by said board, mayor or selectmen, after a hearing as aforesaid.

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

Approved March 9, 1905.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF QUINCY TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL SEWERAGE LOAN. *Chap.151*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Quincy, for the purpose of extending and completing its system of sewerage, and for the purposes mentioned in chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five and acts in amendment thereof, may from time to time issue bonds, notes or scrip to be denominated on the face thereof, City of Quincy Sewer Loan, Act of 1905, to an amount not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, outside the limit of indebtedness fixed by law for that city and in addition to the amounts heretofore authorized by law to be issued by the city for the same purposes. Such bonds, notes or scrip shall be issued upon the terms and conditions and with the force and effect specified in said chapter two hundred and seventy-nine, and in chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and in acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto.

City of Quincy
Sewer Loan,
Act of 1905.

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

Approved March 9, 1905.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF AGED AND DESTITUTE CLERGYMEN. *Chap.152*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The name of the Society for the Relief of Aged and Destitute Clergymen, incorporated by chapter one hundred and eighteen of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty, is hereby changed to the Society for Ministerial Relief.

Name changed.

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

Approved March 9, 1905.