

or any committee thereof thereunto authorized by the board, appear before it and give such information as it may require in relation to any matter, act or thing connected with the discharge of the duties of such board or office; and when requested to appear the officer who appears shall have the right to speak upon all matters under consideration relating to his department.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved April 5, 1906.*

*Chap. 253* AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME WITHIN WHICH THE HAVERHILL AND BOXFORD STREET RAILWAY COMPANY MAY CONSTRUCT A BRIDGE OVER THE MERRIMAC RIVER IN THE CITY OF HAVERHILL.

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

Time extended for constructing a certain bridge over the Merrimac river.

SECTION 1. The time within which the Haverhill and Boxford Street Railway Company may construct and complete a bridge over the Merrimac river in the city of Haverhill, under authority of chapter four hundred and forty-nine of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and four, is hereby extended for the period of one year beginning with the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and six; but nothing herein shall be construed as a recognition or confirmation of the legality of the organization of said company or of any of the proceedings in connection therewith, nor as such a legislative approval of the proposed railway or bridge as to preclude the necessity for independent decisions by the boards of harbor and land commissioners and railroad commissioners under any provisions of said chapter four hundred and forty-nine, or of any general laws.

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

*Approved April 5, 1906.*

*Chap. 254* AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE CITY OF NEWTON MAY BE REMOVED WITHOUT THE FORMAL PROCEDURE OF A PUBLIC TRIAL.

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

1897, 283, § 16, amended.

SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter two hundred and eighty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-seven is hereby amended by striking out the