

Appointment of persons to investigate damages done by dogs.

Said officer shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the officer or officers appointed under authority of section one hundred and forty-three, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 155.* The county commissioners, except in the county of Suffolk, shall appoint a suitable person residing in the county who shall, at the request of said commissioners, or of the chairman of the selectmen of a town or officer of the police designated as provided in section one hundred and fifty-one, investigate any case of damages done by a dog of which such commissioners, chairman or officer shall have been informed as provided in said section, and if he believes that the evidence is sufficient to sustain an action against the owner or keeper of a dog as provided in section one hundred and sixty-two and believes that such owner or keeper is able to satisfy any judgment which may be recovered in such action, he shall, unless such owner or keeper before action brought pays him such amount in settlement of such damages as he deems reasonable, bring such action. It may be brought in his own name and in the county in which he resides, and he shall prosecute it. Said officer shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the officer or officers appointed under authority of section one hundred and forty-three. All awards received or recovered by him in such actions shall be paid over to the county treasurer and placed to the credit of the dog fund. The county treasurer shall pay out of the dog fund such reasonable compensation as the county commissioners shall allow to such person for his services and necessary expenses and the reasonable expense of prosecuting such actions. The person appointed may be removed at any time by the county commissioners, and in counties in which he is appointed, the county treasurer shall not be authorized to bring such actions. *Approved March 25, 1907.*

Compensation for services, etc.

Chap. 242 AN ACT RELATIVE TO TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC CEMETERIES IN THE CITY OF LOWELL.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Trustees of public cemeteries in the city of Lowell, appointment, term, etc.

SECTION 1. The powers and duties now pertaining to the trustees of Edson cemetery and other public burial grounds in or belonging to the city of Lowell, as they are stated in chapter three hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, are hereby transferred to and conferred upon a board of five

trustees, to serve without pay, who shall be appointed by the mayor of the city in April of the current year, and of whom one shall be appointed for a term of one year, one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years and one for a term of five years. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said board by expiration of a term or otherwise the vacancy shall be filled by the mayor for a term of five years, or for the remainder of the unexpired term, as the case may be. Of the said five trustees not less than three shall be owners of lots in a public burial ground in the said city. The mayor shall have the power to remove any of the said trustees for cause deemed by him sufficient and stated in writing.

SECTION 2. The said trustees shall annually in January present a report to the mayor and city council of their doings for the preceding year, including a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures of each cemetery under their control and of all gifts and bequests in trust or otherwise made to the same.

To make an annual report.

SECTION 3. The powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the trustees created by said chapter three hundred and thirty-seven shall cease upon the appointment by the mayor of the new trustees as herein provided.

Certain powers and duties to cease.

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

Approved March 25, 1907.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE NOTICE REQUIRED BY LAW TO BE GIVEN BY BOARDS OF HEALTH, CORPORATIONS AND PERSONS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Chap. 243

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The notice required by section seventy of chapter fifty-six and by sections one hundred and one hundred and eleven of chapter seventy-five of the Revised Laws to be given by boards of health, corporations or persons to the board of cattle commissioners shall be given to the chief of the cattle bureau of the state board of agriculture; and the penalties for failure to give such notice to the chief of the cattle bureau shall be the same as are specified in the said chapters for failure to give such notice to the board of cattle commissioners.

R. L. 56, § 70,
R. L. 75,
§§ 100 and 111,
amended.

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

Approved March 25, 1907.