

one hundred dollars, in case of the death of the assured by sickness, and shall thereafter conduct such business under the provisions of said chapter one hundred and twenty, as modified by this act, and shall be deemed an assessment insurance company. The members of such corporations may vote on this proposition by proxy if the instrument appointing the proxy is filed with the secretary of the corporation at least five days before said meeting, and the aforesaid notice to the policy or certificate holders shall so state.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved April 12, 1909.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO AIDING DISCHARGED PRISONERS.

Chap.295

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The amounts now authorized to be expended for aiding discharged prisoners under sections one hundred and thirty-six and one hundred and thirty-seven of chapter two hundred and twenty-five of the Revised Laws, and acts in amendment thereof, may be applied to the assistance of any prisoners released from the state prison, the Massachusetts reformatory, the reformatory prison for women, or the prison camp and hospital.

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prisoners.

Approved April 12, 1909.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF MEDFORD TO MAKE AN ADDITIONAL LOAN FOR CONSTRUCTING SEWERS.

Chap.296

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The city of Medford, for the purpose of paying the expenses and liabilities incurred or to be incurred for sewerage purposes under chapter one hundred and eighty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three, may issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in addition to the amount authorized to be issued by said chapter, and the same shall not be reckoned in determining the statutory limit of indebtedness of the city. Such bonds, notes or scrip shall bear on their face the words, Medford Sewerage Loan, Act of 1909, shall be payable within such periods not exceeding thirty years from the

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dates of issue, and shall bear interest payable semi-annually at such rate, not exceeding four per cent per annum, as the mayor and aldermen of the city may determine. The said securities shall be signed by the mayor and the treasurer of the city, and countersigned by the auditor, and the city may sell the same or any part thereof at public or private sale, but they shall not be sold for less than their par value. The proceeds shall be retained in the treasury and the treasurer shall pay therefrom the expenses incurred or to be incurred under authority of said chapter one hundred and eighty, but any premiums received on the sale thereof shall be paid over to the commissioners of sinking funds, to be used in payment of the loan authorized hereby.

Payment of
loan, etc.

SECTION 2. The receipts from annual rates, assessments, and payments made in lieu thereof, collected under authority of said chapter one hundred and eighty shall, after deducting all charges and expenses incident to the maintenance and operation of the sewers, be applied, first, to the payment of interest upon the securities issued under authority hereof, and of said chapter one hundred and eighty, and the remainder shall be set apart, as provided in section twelve of chapter twenty-seven of the Revised Laws, to meet the requirements of the sinking fund for the payment of the said securities. If the surplus net income collected as aforesaid shall in any year be insufficient to pay the interest on said securities and to meet the requirements of law as to said sinking fund, then the city, to meet the deficiency, shall raise forthwith by taxation, in the same manner in which money is appropriated and assessed for other city purposes, such sum as may be required for that purpose. The said sinking fund shall be used for no other purpose than the payment of the loans contracted under authority of said chapter one hundred and eighty or of this act. If in any year said surplus net income shall be in excess of the sum necessary to pay the interest upon said securities, and the requirements of the sinking fund for that year, the surplus shall be retained in the treasury, and the treasurer shall pay therefrom the expenses incurred under authority of said chapter one hundred and eighty. So much of section ten of said chapter as is inconsistent with the provisions of this section is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 3. The costs and expenses incurred by the city under authority of chapter one hundred and sixty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, except for construction of walks or ways, may be paid by appropriations from the proceeds of the sale of any securities issued under authority hereof.

Payment of costs and expenses.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
Approved April 12, 1909.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ORDER OF PAYMENT OF DEBTS OF INSOLVENT ESTATES OF DECEASED PERSONS. *Chap.297*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the thirteenth line the following new paragraph: —

R. L. 142, § 1, amended.

Fourth, Debts, to an amount not exceeding one hundred dollars, for necessaries furnished to such deceased person or his family within the six months last preceding his death, or for such necessaries so furnished for the recovery of payment for which a judgment has been rendered.

Order of payment of debts.

Said section is further amended by striking out the word "Fourth", in the fourteenth line, and inserting in place thereof, the word: — Fifth.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of July, nineteen hundred and nine.

When to take effect.

Approved April 14, 1909.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF MECHANICS IN BATTERIES OF FIELD ARTILLERY OF THE MILITIA. *Chap.298*

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. There shall annually be allowed and paid to each battery of field artillery the sum of eight hundred dollars for the employment of a competent mechanic who shall be appointed by the battery commander and approved by the quartermaster general, and who shall be regularly enlisted in the battery. The said mechanic shall devote his time and labor exclusively to the care of the artillery equipment and material of the battery, except however that he may be required by the quartermaster general to perform without further compensation the du-

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