

*Chap.450* AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WESTFIELD TO TAKE LAND FOR THE PURPOSE OF ERECTING THEREON A POLICE STATION OR LOCKUP.

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

The town of Westfield may take certain land, etc.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Westfield, at a meeting held for the purpose, may vote to take in fee any land within the limits of said town not appropriated to public uses, as a place for the erection of a building or buildings to be used for a police station or lockup or for town offices, and for other purposes incidental thereto; but the land so taken shall not exceed two acres in area.

Taking to be recorded.

SECTION 2. The town shall, within sixty days after the passage of such a vote, file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county of Hampden a statement that the town takes the land, and the purpose of the taking, with such a description thereof as is customary in a common conveyance of land, which statement shall be signed by the selectmen; and upon such recording the land so described shall be deemed to be taken in fee by said town.

Damages.

SECTION 3. The selectmen of the town may agree with any person sustaining damages to his property by such taking upon the amount thereof, and the town shall pay the same; but, if the parties are unable to agree, the damages shall, upon the petition of either party, filed in the superior court for the county of Hampden within two years after the date of the recording of the statement, be determined by a jury in the manner provided by law for determining damages sustained by the taking of land in laying out highways.

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

*Approved May 13, 1911.*

*Chap.451* AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN PRISONERS FROM THE STATE PRISON ON PAROLE.

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

Permits to be at liberty may be granted to certain prisoners, etc.

SECTION 1. The prison commissioners may grant a special permit to be at liberty from the state prison to a prisoner held therein upon a sentence with a minimum term of more than two and one half years, when he has served two thirds of such minimum term, if it appears to the commissioners that the prisoner is likely to lead an orderly life, and they have a reasonable assurance that he