

Except in the city of Boston and except as to the making of appropriations, the powers conferred by this section shall be exercised by the board of park commissioners, or by the school committee, or by a playground or recreation commission appointed by the mayor or elected by the voters of the town at an annual town meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, or may be distributed between the board of park commissioners, the school committee and such playground or recreation commission, or any two of them, or they may be exercised by a committee made up from any one or more members of all or any of the said boards or commissions, accordingly as the city council or the town may decide. Until the city council or the town makes a determination as aforesaid, the said powers shall remain in the body now exercising them. Within sixty days after the taking of land under the provisions of this section, the taking authority shall file and cause to be recorded in the registry of deeds for the county or district in which the land lies a description thereof sufficiently specific for identification and a statement of the purpose for which it was taken. Any municipal authority which is or shall be authorized to exercise the powers conferred by this section or any of them, is hereby authorized to conduct its activities on (1) property under its control, (2) on other public property under the control of other public officers or boards, with the consent of such officers or boards, or (3) on private property, with the consent of the owners.

Powers, by whom exercised, etc.

Taking of land to be recorded, etc.

Where activities are to be conducted.

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

Approved June 6, 1919.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE LAYING OUT AND CONSTRUCTION BY THE COUNTY OF ESSEX OF A HIGHWAY BETWEEN THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT AND THE CITY OF GLOUCESTER.

Chap. 218

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Essex may lay out and construct a highway to sub-grade, commencing at or near the Turk's Head Inn, so-called, in the town of Rockport, and running substantially in a south-westerly direction through the woods and over the marshes to the junction of Bass avenue and Atlantic road in the city of Gloucester, in accordance with the provisions of Part II of chapter three hundred and forty-four, of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and seventeen, and acts in amendment

Essex county commissioners may lay out and construct a highway between Rockport and Gloucester.

Proviso.

thereof and in addition thereto: *provided*, that the owners of land included within the limits of said highway, as laid out, and the abutters thereon, shall release, without payment by the county, all claims for damages which may arise from the taking of land required for the said highway, and all claims for damages arising from the construction of the highway, the change of grade and any sloping of the land abutting thereon. Instead of a release as aforesaid the said damages may be provided for by a bond satisfactory to the said county commissioners.

County may
issue bonds,
etc.

County of
Essex, Gloucester-
Rockport
Highway Loan,
Act of 1919.

SECTION 2. The expense incurred under this act shall be paid in the first instance by the county of Essex, and for this purpose and for the purpose of paying the county's ultimate share of the expense, the county commissioners are hereby authorized to issue, from time to time, bonds or notes of the county to the amount of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Such bonds or notes shall bear on their face the words, County of Essex, Gloucester-Rockport Highway Loan, Act of 1919; shall be payable by such annual payments, beginning not more than one year after the date thereof, as will extinguish each loan within ten years from its date; and the amount of the annual payment of any loan in any year shall not be less than the amount of the principal of the loan payable in any subsequent year. The said bonds or notes shall bear interest at such rates as the treasurer of the county may determine with the approval of the county commissioners, payable semi-annually, and shall be signed by the treasurer of the county and countersigned by a majority of the county commissioners. The county may sell the said securities at public or private sale, upon such terms and conditions as the county commissioners may deem proper, but not for less than their par value, and the proceeds shall be used only for the purposes specified herein.

Statement of
cost to be
filed, etc.

SECTION 3. Upon the completion of the said highway the said county commissioners shall file in the office of the clerk of courts for the county of Essex a detailed statement, certified under their hands, of the actual cost of the said highway, and within three months after the filing of such statement, they shall, after such notice as they deem proper, and a hearing, apportion and assess upon the said county an amount equal to fifty per cent of the expense of constructing the said highway, as aforesaid, and shall apportion and assess upon the city of Gloucester and upon the town of Rockport the balance of the said expense, in the following

Apportion-
ment of
expense, etc.

manner: Upon the city of Gloucester, fifty per cent of the expense of that part of the highway within the limits of the said city, and upon the town of Rockport, fifty per cent of the expense of the highway within the limits of the said town. The commissioners shall file in the office of the clerk of courts of said county a report of the apportionment, and the clerk shall transmit a true and attested copy thereof to the mayor of the city of Gloucester and the selectmen of the town of Rockport; and the said city and town shall each pay its proportion of said expense, determined by the commissioners as aforesaid, into the treasury of the county of Essex, in such manner and in such instalments as the county commissioners may direct; and if the city or town shall neglect or refuse to pay its proportion as aforesaid, the said commissioners shall, after notice to the city or town, issue a warrant against it for its proportion, determined as aforesaid, with interest and the costs of the notice and warrant, and the same shall be collected and paid into the treasury of said county, to be applied in payment of the expense aforesaid.

Report of apportionment to be filed, etc.

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

Approved June 6, 1919.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL CLERICAL ASSISTANCE
IN THE POLICE COURT OF LOWELL.

Chap. 219

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners for the county of Middlesex are hereby authorized to expend, in addition to the amount now allowed, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars a year, for clerical assistance in the police court of Lowell, to be paid monthly from the county treasury to the person or persons employed.

Additional clerical assistance in police court of Lowell.

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

Approved June 6, 1919.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL SECOND ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT AND OF AN ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT.

Chap. 220

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter three hundred and ten of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten is hereby amended by striking

1910, 310, § 1, amended.