

Wages to
be paid.

Proviso.

Penalty.

tain a provision to this effect. The wages for a day's work paid to mechanics and teamsters employed in the construction of public works as aforesaid shall be not less than the customary and prevailing rate of wages for a day's work in the same trade or occupation in the locality, city or town where such public works are constructed: *provided, however*, that no city or town in the construction of public works shall be required to give preference to veterans who are not residents of such city or town, over citizens of such city or town. Any contractor who knowingly and wilfully violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars for each offence.

Approved June 24, 1919.

Chap.254 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENT DIVISION.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Assistant clerk
of legislative
document
division,
appointment,
etc.

The sergeant-at-arms, with the approval of the president of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives, may annually appoint an assistant clerk of the legislative document division who shall receive a salary of thirteen hundred dollars a year.

Approved June 24, 1919.

Chap.255 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE SALARY OF THE JUSTICE OF THE BOSTON JUVENILE COURT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Justice of
Boston
juvenile court,
salary
established.

The annual salary of the justice of the Boston juvenile court shall be four thousand dollars.

Approved June 24, 1919.

Chap.256 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO ESTABLISH DEMONSTRATION SHEEP FARMS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

State
department
of agriculture
may establish
demonstration
sheep farms.

SECTION 1. The state department of agriculture may establish demonstration sheep farms in such places in the commonwealth as may be selected by the commissioner of agriculture. The said farms may be established in cooperation with the owner of any farm who is desirous of conducting a farm in conformity herewith.

SECTION 2. All persons conducting a demonstration sheep farm shall maintain, under the supervision of and in

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accordance with such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the said commissioner a flock of not less than twenty sheep, and may, under the direction of the commissioner, purchase and sell from time to time such sheep as may be considered essential to the proper development of the industry in the locality of the demonstration farm, the sheep so purchased or sold to be passed upon as to their condition and freedom from disease by the department of animal industry.

SECTION 3. The owner of every demonstration sheep farm shall receive a reasonable compensation from the commonwealth for the use of the farm as such, for the labor and expense involved in carrying out the provisions of this act, and for any loss involved in the purchase or sale of sheep made in accordance with the preceding section.

Owners to receive compensation from commonwealth.

Approved June 24, 1919.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TERMINATION OF TENANCIES AT WILL. *Chap. 257*

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would defeat its purpose to provide immediate relief from hardship incident to the present scarcity of houses and buildings available for habitation, it is accordingly declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public safety and convenience.

Emergency preamble.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Whenever a tenancy at will is terminated, without fault of the tenant, either by operation of law or by act of the landlord, except as provided in section twelve of chapter one hundred and twenty-nine of the Revised Laws, no action to recover possession of the premises shall be brought, nor shall the tenant be dispossessed until after the expiration of thirty days from the time when the tenant receives notice in writing of such termination; but such tenant shall be liable to pay rent for such time during the said period as he occupies or detains the premises, at the same rate as theretofore payable by him while a tenant at will. No notice given under the provisions of said section twelve, except a notice to quit for non-payment of rent, shall terminate a tenancy at will until after the expiration of thirty days from the giving of such notice.

Termination of tenancies at will.