

the said commissioners shall be subject however to such instructions, rules and regulations as said town may impose by its vote, and a majority of said commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Vacancies.

Any vacancy occurring in said board from any cause may be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term in the manner provided by section twenty-two of chapter forty-four of the Public Statutes for filling vacancies occurring in school committees.

Subject to acceptance by a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two-thirds vote of the voters of said town present and voting thereon at any annual town meeting within four years from the passage of this act.

Approved March 6, 1888.

Chap. 80 AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR EXPENSES AUTHORIZED THE PRESENT YEAR AND FOR CERTAIN OTHER EXPENSES AUTHORIZED BY LAW.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Appropriations.

SECTION 1. The sums hereinafter mentioned are appropriated, to be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, from the ordinary revenue, for the purposes specified in certain acts and resolves of the present year, and to meet certain other expenses authorized by law, to wit:—

Clerical assistance for clerks of the senate and house.

For additional clerical service in the office of the clerk of the senate and clerk of the house of representatives, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, as authorized by chapter one of the acts of the present year.

Report of bureau of statistics of labor.

For printing one thousand additional copies of the annual report of the bureau of statistics of labor, a sum not exceeding two hundred and seventy-five dollars, as authorized by chapter twenty-three of the acts of the present year.

Books for state library.

For the purchase of books for the state library, a sum not exceeding seventeen hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter twenty-four of the acts of the present year, being in addition to the thirty-three hundred dollars appropriated by chapter two of the acts of the present year.

Assistant register of probate, etc., for Middlesex county.

For the salary of the assistant register of probate and insolvency for the county of Middlesex, the sum of three hundred dollars, being in addition to the fifteen hundred dollars appropriated by chapter four of the acts of the present year.

- For the sheriffs of the different counties, for distributing proclamations, blanks, and making a return of votes, a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars. Distributing proclamations, etc.
- For small items of expenditure for which no appropriations have been made, or for which appropriations have been exhausted or reverted to the treasury in previous years, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars. Small items of expenditure.
- For the Massachusetts institute of technology, the sum of fifty thousand dollars. Mass. Institute of Technology.
- For publishing reports of capital trials, under the direction of the attorney-general, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. Capital trials.
- For the salary of the secretary of the civil service commission, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter forty-one of the acts of the present year, being in addition to the twelve hundred dollars appropriated by chapter two of the acts of the present year. Civil service commission.
- For compensation and expenses of the electoral college, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars. Electoral college.
- For repairs to the building known as Crocker hall, at the state normal school at Framingham, which was damaged by fire December twenty-fourth in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, a sum not exceeding three thousand dollars, as authorized by chapter two of the resolves of the present year. Normal school at Framingham.
- For the widow of the late William H. Griffith, the sum of five hundred and thirty-five dollars and forty-eight cents, as authorized by chapter three of the resolves of the present year. Widow of William H. Griffith.
- For furnishing members of the legislature with copies of the Massachusetts red book, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, as authorized by chapter four of the resolves of the present year. Massachusetts red book.
- For the Massachusetts general hospital, the sum of eight hundred and one dollars and fifty cents, as authorized by chapter five of the resolves of the present year. Massachusetts general hospital.
- For reprinting parts of the annual reports of the bureau of statistics of labor, a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter seven of the resolves of the present year. Reports of bureau of statistics of labor.
- For compiling and tabulating the information relating to public records of parishes, towns and counties by the Records of parishes, towns, etc.

commissioner appointed under the provisions of chapter sixty-five of the resolves of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four, a sum not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter nine of the resolves of the present year.

Annie Fitzgerald.

For Annie Fitzgerald of North Adams, the sum of one hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter ten of the resolves of the present year.

Soldiers' home.

For the trustees of the soldiers' home in Massachusetts, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, as authorized by chapter eleven of the resolves of the present year.

Report of board of agriculture.

For printing three thousand extra copies of the thirty-fifth annual report of the state board of agriculture, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, as authorized by chapter thirteen of the resolves of the present year.

Soldiers messenger corps.

For the soldiers messenger corps a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter fourteen of the resolves of the present year.

Report of agricultural experiment station.

For printing fifteen thousand extra copies of the report of the Massachusetts agricultural experiment station, a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars, as authorized by chapter fifteen of the resolves of the present year.

Report of superintendent of prisons.

For printing additional copies of the report of the general superintendent of prisons, a sum not exceeding thirty dollars, as authorized by chapter seventeen of the resolves of the present year.

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

Approved March 6, 1888.

Chap. 81 AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE SALE OF THE SPRINGFIELD AND NEW LONDON RAILROAD TO THE NEW YORK AND NEW ENGLAND RAILROAD COMPANY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Proceedings confirmed.

SECTION 1. The proceedings of the Springfield and New London Railroad Company, whereby on the twenty-ninth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven all its franchises, rights, privileges and property, real and personal, were conveyed to the New York and New England Railroad Company in accordance with the provisions of chapter two hundred and one of the acts of the legislature of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

To cease to exist as a corporation.

SECTION 2. The said Springfield and New London Railroad Company, from and after the time when this act