

**Chap.247** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROVIDENCE AND WORCESTER RAILROAD COMPANY TO INCREASE ITS CAPITAL STOCK.

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

May increase capital stock.

SECTION 1. The Providence and Worcester Railroad Company is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock by adding thereto a sum not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

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

*Approved April 19, 1888.*

**Chap.248** AN ACT CONCERNING NEGLECTED CHILDREN AND JUVENILE OFFENDERS.

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

Commitment of certain children to the custody of the board of lunacy and charity. 1882, 181, § 3.

SECTION 1. Section three of chapter one hundred and eighty-one of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:—*provided, however*, that when it shall be made to appear that the place of legal settlement of any of such children has not within its control any institution in which they may be lawfully maintained, such court or magistrate may commit such children to the custody of the state board of lunacy and charity, and the authority vested in such overseers under this section relative to children who have a known settlement may be exercised by said state board, in the same manner and to the same extent as might have been exercised by said overseers, had such children been committed to them.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. Sections forty-nine and fifty-one of chapter eighty-nine of the Public Statutes, and chapter two hundred and sixty-six of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-seven, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon the first day of April of the present year.

*Approved April 19, 1888.*

**Chap.249** AN ACT TO INCLUDE THE TOWN OF ROCKPORT WITHIN THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE POLICE COURT OF GLOUCESTER.

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

Rockport to be part of the judicial district of police court of Gloucester.

SECTION 1. The town of Rockport is hereby annexed to and made a part of the judicial district under the jurisdiction of the police court of the city of Gloucester: *pro-*