

known as watchmen, so far as reducing any of their salaries is concerned. In fixing the rate of compensation of the officers as aforesaid, previous service in any prison of the Commonwealth shall be considered. No other perquisite, reward or emolument shall be allowed to or received by any of the said officers, except that there shall be allowed to the superintendent and deputy superintendent sufficient house room with fuel and lights for themselves and their families.

House room,
fuel and lights
for superintend-
ent and deputy.

SECTION 3. Sections nineteen and twenty-two of chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-four are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of April in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Approved May 15, 1888.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DEFINITION AND PRESERVATION OF
TOWN BOUNDARY LINES.

Chap. 336

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The commissioners on the topographical survey and map of Massachusetts may propose for the acceptance of the legislature a change, by straightening or otherwise, in the existing boundary lines of any contiguous towns, provided such towns at meetings duly called for the purpose, concur therein: such proposed change shall be submitted to the next succeeding legislature thereafter. When such proposed change shall be accepted or ratified by the legislature, said commission shall proceed to locate and define the changes made by determining by triangulation the position of each angle and corner in such new boundary line, and the selectmen of such contiguous towns shall thereafter place such monuments at the new points determined, and put such marks on them, in addition to initials, as may be determined by said commissioners and in the manner now required by section five of chapter twenty-seven of the Public Statutes. All monuments marking angles and corners in town boundary lines, the position of which has not been changed shall be re-marked in the manner indicated by said commissioners in such a manner as to establish a uniform system of designating the angles and corners of town boundary lines.

Commissioners
on topographical
survey may
propose changes
in boundary
lines of contigu-
ous towns.

SECTION 2. Whenever the boundary line between contiguous towns is formed wholly, or in part, by a stream

When boundary
line is formed
by a highway or

stream of water,
a plan to be
made.

of water or by a public highway, an accurate survey and plan of such stream or highway shall be made by said commissioners, based on the triangulation common to the other town boundary lines, and said plan shall be filed in the office of said commissioners.

Triangulation
points to be
evidence of
location of lines.

SECTION 3. The triangulation points established by said commissioners shall be regarded as a part of the evidence of the location of town boundary lines, and a description of the position and marks of such points shall be communicated by said commissioners to the selectmen of the towns within which such points are located, and said description shall be filed with the perambulation records of such towns.

Unlawful for
any person to
obliterate a
mark made to
designate line,
except as herein
provided.

SECTION 4. It shall be unlawful for any person, except as herein provided, to remove, obliterate or cover up any monument or mark made to designate a boundary line made in pursuance with this act. If in the course of the legitimate occupation of land a person shall desire to obliterate, remove or cover up such monument or mark, any party in interest may apply to the county commissioners of the county in which said monument is wholly or in part situated, setting forth the facts and asking permission to remove, obliterate or cover up such mark or monument. The said county commissioners shall, if they deem the request reasonable, grant the same, after they have made provision for preserving the exact location of the original boundary or mark in the manner hereinafter provided. When permission is given by the county commissioners aforesaid to remove, obliterate or cover up a monument or mark, they shall, prior to such removal, cause proper witness marks to be set up, or other means taken which shall, with proper designation and measurement, indicate the position of the original mark or monument. Said county commissioners shall cause to be recorded, in the office of the town clerk of the contiguous towns, a full description and designation of the witness marks and monuments so made and set up, and shall cause a copy of such description to be forwarded to the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Penalties.

SECTION 5. Any person who shall violate the provisions of the preceding section, or shall wantonly disturb or injure the monuments or marks aforesaid shall be punished by imprisonment in the jail, not exceeding six months, or by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars.

Approved May 15, 1888.