

shall make, the court shall adjudge that he has so failed and shall cause such adjudication to be entered of record in such form and manner as it shall direct, and shall forthwith certify such adjudication to the governor of the Commonwealth; and the same shall be a final and conclusive bar to the claim of the petitioner against such respondent as fully and completely as if such claim had been heard and determined on its merits, and the governor shall issue his certificate as provided in the preceding section.

certify such adjudication to the governor.

SECTION 11. The costs of all proceedings under this act shall be taxed under the direction of the court, and if more than one case is heard together, the costs shall be apportioned under the same direction and in every case in which the petitioner shall not finally prevail, the costs shall be paid by him, and in every case in which the petitioner shall finally prevail, the costs shall be borne by the Commonwealth, and the same shall be paid out of the treasury of the Commonwealth upon the warrant of the governor and council.

The costs shall be taxed under the direction of the court.

SECTION 12. The final hearing and determination under this act shall be by a majority of the justices of the court but any single justice may exercise any other of the powers given to the court by this act.

Final hearing and determination to be by a majority of the justices.

SECTION 13. All periods of time mentioned in this act shall be reckoned exclusive of the day from which they begin to run and inclusive of their last day, and Sundays and holidays shall be included.

Periods of time; how to be reckoned.

Approved May 18, 1888.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF SUPPLEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC STATUTES.

Chap. 383

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, may appoint some skilled person who shall prepare a supplement to the Public Statutes, containing the general laws passed since the enactment of the Public Statutes down to and including the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, together with a suitable index thereof, and with marginal references to the statutes affected by such general laws and to the decisions of the supreme judicial court relating to them.

A skilled person may be appointed to prepare a supplement to the Public Statutes.

SECTION 2. The compensation for the services herein provided for shall be fixed by the governor and council.

Compensation to be fixed by the governor and council.

Supplement to
be stereotyped
and printed.

SECTION 3. The supplement herein provided for shall be stereotyped and printed, and the first edition of such supplement shall consist of two thousand copies, and further editions thereof may be printed at the discretion of the governor and council. In said printed supplement shall be included a copy of the table of changes in the Public Statutes and statutes subsequent thereto, as prepared for the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight under the authority of chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two.

Distribution.

SECTION 4. Copies of such supplement shall be distributed as follows:—six copies to the clerk of the senate, for the use of the senate; six copies to the clerk of the house of representatives, for the use of the house; six copies to the librarian of the state library, for use in the library; eighty copies to the sergeant-at-arms, for use in the various committee rooms and department offices; one copy to each member of the general court; and one copy each to the following officers, persons, and societies:—the governor, the lieutenant-governor, each member of the council, the secretary of the Commonwealth, the treasurer and receiver-general, the auditor of accounts, the attorney-general, the clerk of the senate, the clerk of the house of representatives, the judges, clerks, and registers of the judicial courts, the registers of deeds, the county commissioners, each district attorney, and the law library societies in each county, and each incorporated library and public library established under the laws of this Commonwealth. Further copies shall be offered for sale to the public at the expense of the paper, presswork, and binding, and public notice shall be given of the price and of the place of sale.

Copies to be
offered for sale
to the public.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 18, 1888.

Chap. 384

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ARMORIES FOR THE MASSACHUSETTS VOLUNTEER MILITIA.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Armory com-
missioners to
be appointed.

SECTION 1. The governor, with the advice and consent of the council, is hereby authorized within six months from the passage of this act, to appoint three persons, one of whom shall be an experienced builder, who shall be designated and known as the armory commissioners.