

to the commissioner of corporations he shall issue his certificate that such union is effected; and such union shall take place on the day of the date of said certificate.

SECTION 3. The first meeting of the consolidated corporation shall be held on the second Friday after the date of said certificate, at a place and time to be fixed by both corporations at the meeting at which this act is accepted. At such first meeting a new constitution and by-laws may be adopted and a new board of officers elected. The constitution may provide for voting by proxy and for the casting of written ballots by members of the corporation not present at its meetings, and for a tenure of office of more than one year.

First meeting of corporation, etc.

*Approved March 17, 1891.*

AN ACT RELATING TO THE FEES OF CLERKS OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL AND SUPERIOR COURTS.

*Chap. 87*

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

SECTION 1. There shall be paid to the clerk upon the entry of every suit, action, libel for divorce or petition in the supreme judicial and superior courts, and upon the filing of a petition to the county commissioners, in the several counties, the sum of three dollars, to be in lieu of entry, clerk's term fees, the fee for taxing costs and issuing subpœna, injunction and execution, or any order of notice or other mesne, final or interlocutory order, rule, decree or process whatsoever therein authorized by law, except the fee for alias or renewed executions which shall be as the statute now provides; and no suit, action, libel for divorce or petition shall be entered or filed by the clerk until said fee is paid. The fee of said clerks for the entry of an indictment or complaint in a criminal case shall be three dollars, which shall be in lieu of the entry and all other clerk's fees authorized by law.

Payment of fees in the supreme judicial and superior courts.

SECTION 2. Section three of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, and chapter three hundred and sixty of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety are hereby repealed.

Repeal of 1888, 257, § 3, and 1890, 360.

*Approved March 17, 1891.*

AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMON COUNCIL FROM WARDS TWENTY-TWO AND TWENTY-FIVE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

*Chap. 88*

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

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and

Amendment to 1888, 175, § 1.

eighty-eight is hereby amended by striking out the word “two”, in the fourth line thereof, and inserting in place thereof the word:—three,—so that said section shall read as follows:—*Section 1.* At the next municipal election in the city of Boston and at each municipal election thereafter the qualified voters of each of the wards numbered twenty-two and twenty-five shall give in their votes for three able and discreet men, qualified voters in the ward, to be members of the common council for the ensuing year. The election of said officers shall be conducted and records thereof kept in the manner provided for the other wards of said city, and the members of the common council now elected from said wards shall continue to hold their office until the expiration of the present municipal year, according to the laws in force at the time of their election.

Members of the common council from wards 22 and 25.

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

*Approved March 17, 1891.*

**Chap. 89** AN ACT TO PROVIDE CLERICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT.

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

SECTION 1. The justices of the supreme judicial court shall be allowed a sum not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars per annum for such clerical assistance as they may deem necessary to the discharge of their duties, to be paid from the treasury of the Commonwealth on the certificate of the chief justice of said court.

Allowance for clerical assistance.

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

*Approved March 17, 1891.*

**Chap. 90** AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER EIGHTY-FOUR OF THE PUBLIC STATUTES RELATING TO THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS BY CITIES AND TOWNS.

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

SECTION 1. Section eighteen of chapter eighty-four of the Public Statutes, relating to the support of paupers by cities and towns, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “time”, in the fifth line, the words:—between May first and November first, or for a longer period than eight weeks at one time for cases notified between November first and May first,—so that said section shall read as follows:—*Section 18.* A city or town may furnish temporary aid to poor persons found therein, having no lawful settlements within the state, if the overseers deem

Amendment to P. S. 84, § 18.

Temporary aid to state paupers.