

complainant and one half to the city or town within which the offence is committed.

SECTION 6. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. Repeal.  
*Approved March 31, 1894.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT THE OVERSEERS OF THE POOR OF THE CITY OF LOWELL SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE PEOPLE INSTEAD OF BY THE CITY COUNCIL. Chap.190

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

SECTION 1. Chapter one hundred and seventy-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five is hereby amended by striking out section twenty-nine and inserting in place thereof the following new section: — *Section 29.* The board of overseers of the poor shall consist of the mayor, who shall be chairman *ex officio*, and one citizen from each ward, who shall not hold any elective or appointive office under the city council, to be elected in the manner hereinafter provided. At the annual municipal election in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four the qualified voters of each ward shall choose one of their number to be a member of said board from the first Monday of January next following such election, and said board of overseers shall so assign by lot the terms of the respective members so elected that the terms of one half shall expire each year thereafter; and at each succeeding annual municipal election the legal voters of each ward, the term of whose representative in said board expires at the close of the municipal year in which such municipal election is held, shall choose a member of said board for the term of the two municipal years immediately succeeding: *provided, however,* that if in any year of a new division of the city into wards, the number of the wards shall be changed, the terms of office of all the members of said board shall expire at the end of the municipal year in which the division is made, and at the municipal election occurring in such year an overseer of the poor shall be elected from each ward under such new division. The board of overseers of the poor so elected shall so assign by lot the terms of the respective members so elected that the terms of one half, as near as may be, shall expire each year thereafter. In case of a vacancy in said board the city council shall fill such vacancy by electing a citizen from the ward in which said vacancy exists, to serve for

1875, 173,  
amended.

Overseers of the  
poor, election,  
terms, etc.

Proviso.

Vacancy.

the remainder of the municipal year in which such vacancy occurs; and at the next annual municipal election the legal voters of said ward shall choose a member of said board of overseers to fill any unexpired term. The members of the board of overseers of the poor shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties and shall serve until their successors are chosen and qualified. They may appoint a secretary and superintendent and such other subordinate officers as the ordinances of the city may require, and may define the duties of said officers; *provided, however*, that the compensation of said officers shall be established by the city council. Said board shall have all the powers heretofore conferred upon the overseers of the poor of the city of Lowell by any general or special law, and all the powers of overseers of the poor in towns, and in addition thereto said board shall be subject to such regulations as the city council may by ordinance establish.

May appoint  
certain officers.

Proviso.

When to take  
effect.

SECTION 2. So much of this act as provides for the election of overseers of the poor at the annual municipal election in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four shall take effect on the second Tuesday in December next, but for all other purposes this act shall take effect on the first Monday in January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

*Approved March 31, 1894.*

**Chap. 191** AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE REVERE WATER COMPANY TO HOLD  
ADDITIONAL PERSONAL ESTATE.

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

1882, 142, § 5,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section five of chapter one hundred and forty-two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-two is hereby amended by striking out in the second line, after the word "real", the words "and personal", and by striking out in the fourth line, the word "seventy-five", and inserting in place thereof the words: — one hundred and twenty-five, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 5.* Said corporation, for the purposes set forth in this act, may hold real estate not exceeding in value fifty thousand dollars; and its whole capital stock shall not exceed one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Real estate and  
capital stock.

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

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