

dispose of property included therein which may become worn, damaged or unsuitable for use in the operation of its road, provided an equivalent in value is substituted therefor; and all bonds issued shall first be approved by some person appointed by the corporation for that purpose, who shall certify upon each bond that it is properly issued and recorded.

Issue, etc., or stock and bonds.

SECTION 7. All stock and bonds authorized by this act shall be issued and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of all general laws relative to the issue of stock and bonds by street railway companies.

May act as a common carrier of small parcels. Proviso.

SECTION 8. Said company may act as a common carrier of small parcels: *provided*, it shall not so act in the cities of Taunton and Brockton, or in any town, until authorized to do so by a two thirds vote of the voters of said cities or towns present and voting thereon at an annual or special election held for that purpose.

To be constructed, etc., before July 1, 1898.

SECTION 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but shall become void unless said railway is constructed and put in operation before the first day of July in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved June 5, 1896.

Chap.498

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE CITIES AND TOWNS TO USE THE MCTAMMANY VOTING MACHINES IN STATE, CITY AND TOWN ELECTIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

McTammany voting machines to be furnished to certain cities and towns.

SECTION 1. The secretary of the Commonwealth, upon the request of the board of aldermen of any city or of the selectmen of any town, shall forthwith furnish to the said city or town a sufficient number of McTammany voting machines to enable all candidates for all offices (national, state, city or town) to be filled at such election, to be voted for on such machines, together with all propositions or questions that may be lawfully submitted to such voters. The expense for such machines shall be borne by the Commonwealth, but not more than fifty of such machines shall be purchased for use during the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Expense to be borne by the Commonwealth, etc.

Description of machines, etc., to be sent to cities and towns.

SECTION 2. Not later than thirty days after the passage of this bill the secretary of the Commonwealth shall send to every city and town clerk and to every board of aldermen and to every board of selectmen a description of said voting machines and the terms upon which they

are to be furnished and used under the provisions of this act. The machines shall be purchased from the manufacturers and paid for by the secretary of the Commonwealth out of the treasury of the Commonwealth, at a price not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars for each machine.

Price of machines.

SECTION 3. The election of officers to be voted for in all towns and voting precincts of all cities which have decided to use the said machines under the provisions of this act shall be by the use of said machines, and the secretary of the Commonwealth shall furnish to said cities and towns tally sheets adapted to the use of said machines. The provisions of law with reference to the preservation of ballots at public expense, the preparation of polling places, the conduct of elections, the counting, preserving and recounting of ballots, and the provisions of chapter four hundred and sixty-five of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three shall, so far as applicable, govern elections when said machines are used. The ballot law commissioners are hereby authorized to make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the provisions of law, respecting the use of said machines as they shall consider necessary for the conduct of elections by the use of said machines.

Election of officers in certain cities and towns to be by use of voting machines, etc.

Certain provisions of law to apply.

Ballot law commissioners may make rules and regulations.

Approved June 5, 1896.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO MARRIAGE AND THE LEGITIMACY OF CHILDREN.

Chap.499

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

The provisions of chapter four hundred and twenty-seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-five shall apply to cases in which the impediment to marriage therein referred to was removed prior to the date when said act took effect, as well as to cases in which such impediment was removed subsequent to such date: *provided*, that no marriage otherwise valid shall hereby be rendered invalid.

1895, 427, to apply to certain cases.

Approved June 5, 1896.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AT CAMBRIDGE OF A BUILDING FOR THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS AND FOR THE PROBATE COURT.

Chap.500

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Middlesex are hereby authorized to provide accommo-

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