

dollars a year, to be so allowed from the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

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

Approved May 13, 1898.

Chap.430 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BOSTON TO PAY A SUM OF MONEY TO THE WIDOW OF FRANK BOWKER.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Widow of
Frank Bowker.

SECTION 1. The city of Boston is hereby authorized to pay to the widow of Frank Bowker late an engineer in the sewer division of the street department in said city, the balance of the salary to which he would have been entitled had he lived and continued to hold his office until the end of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

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

Approved May 13, 1898.

Chap.431 AN ACT TO CHANGE A PART OF THE BOUNDARY LINE BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BOSTON AND NEWTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Part of bound-
ary line be-
tween Boston
and Newton
changed.

SECTION 1. The boundary line between the city of Boston and the city of Newton, between a point at the intersection of the present boundary line and the northerly side of Nonantum street and a point at the intersection of the present boundary line and the northerly side of Commonwealth avenue, is hereby changed so that the part of said boundary line between said points shall be a straight line. Said new boundary line is shown by a dotted red line upon a plan marked "Plan showing a proposed change in the boundary line between Boston and Newton, Massachusetts, William Jackson, city engineer, April 16, 1898", on file in the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth.

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

Approved May 13, 1898.

Chap.432 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE SUMMARY INVESTIGATION OF COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EXPENDITURES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows :

Owners of real
estate may peti-
tion for an
investigation
into the affairs
of a town, city
or county.

SECTION 1. If twenty-five owners of real estate in any town having a population of less than five thousand, or fifty owners of real estate in any town having a population of more than five thousand, or twenty-five owners of real estate in each ward of a city, or five hundred