

*Chap. 27.* AN ACT TO FIX THE SALARY OF THE SECOND CLERK IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Salary established.

SECTION 1. From and after the first day of January in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, the second clerk in the department of the secretary of the Commonwealth shall receive a salary of seventeen hundred dollars per annum.

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

*Approved February 27, 1877.*

*Chap. 28.* AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE SURRENDER OF SECURITIES DEPOSITED WITH THE TREASURER BY INSURANCE COMPANIES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Securities may be surrendered when company has ceased to do business in the Commonwealth.

SECTION 1. Securities deposited with the treasurer of the Commonwealth by any insurance company under the provisions of the sixth section of chapter one hundred and forty-one of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-three, may be surrendered to the company so depositing the same, whenever satisfactory proof shall have been furnished to the insurance commissioner that said company has ceased to do business in this Commonwealth, and that all its liabilities to the Commonwealth and to holders of policies effected in this Commonwealth have been cancelled and discharged.

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

*Approved February 27, 1877.*

*Chap. 29.* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE REVOCATION OF LICENSES OF INSURANCE BROKERS FOR CERTAIN CAUSES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Insurance brokers' licenses may be revoked upon failure to pay over premiums collected.

SECTION 1. Whenever it shall appear to the insurance commissioner of this Commonwealth that any insurance broker, holding a license as such broker from said commissioner, has collected the premium or any portion thereof upon any policy of insurance intrusted to said broker by any insurance company organized or incorporated under the laws of this Commonwealth, or by any duly authorized agent in this Commonwealth of an insurance company of another state or foreign country, and has failed or neglected to pay over the same to said insurance company or agent entitled to the same, within thirty days from the time the said premium was collected, it shall then be the duty of the insurance commissioner to revoke the license of such broker, and such license shall not be renewed nor any new

license granted in place thereof to said party within one year from the date of such revocation.

SECTION 2. Before any license shall be revoked, as provided in the first section of this act, the insurance commissioner shall require from any aggrieved insurance company or agent as aforesaid, a written statement of facts signed and sworn to by any officer of the insurance company, or by the authorized agent as aforesaid, showing the amount of premium and of whom and by whom collected, for what policy or policies, and the date of such payment or payments, and such other evidence as said commissioner may desire, to clearly establish the facts in the case, and said broker may be heard before said commissioner in his defence, in such manner and at such time as said commissioner shall determine.

Statement of facts to be sworn to by the company aggrieved.

SECTION 3. Insurance companies and agents as aforesaid shall, at least five days before furnishing to the insurance commissioner the statement required by the second section of this act, notify the broker affected by such statement by a notice in writing, delivered to him personally or by letter post-paid, or delivered at the residence or place of business of said broker, giving a substantial copy of the statement to be presented to the insurance commissioner, and the date it is to be so presented, and they shall furnish the proper proof that such notice has been given.

Broker to be notified.

SECTION 4. Whenever a broker's license has been revoked by virtue of this act, the insurance commissioner shall cause notice of such revocation to be published in such manner as he may deem best for the protection of the public.

Notice of revocation of license to be published by insurance commissioner.

*Approved February 27, 1877.*

AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION TWENTY-ONE OF CHAPTER SEVENTEEN OF THE GENERAL STATUTES, RELATING TO COUNTY TAXES.

*Chap. 30.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

Section twenty-one of chapter seventeen of the General Statutes is hereby amended by adding at the end of the section the words, "and shall also fix and prescribe the time for the payment of the same." *Approved February 27, 1877.*

County commissioners to fix the time when county taxes shall be paid.

AN ACT RELATING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES UNDER WILLS.

*Chap. 31.*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows :*

SECTION 1. The probate courts shall have exclusive original jurisdiction of the appointment of trustees under wills.

Probate court to have exclusive original jurisdiction of appointment of trustees under wills.

SECTION 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. *Approved February 27, 1877.*