

not represented otherwise than by the accountant, the court may, and, upon the request of any person interested, shall, appoint some competent and disinterested person to act as guardian *ad litem* or next friend for such person to represent his interest in the case.

Person appointed to be sworn.

SECTION 2. Such person so appointed shall make oath to perform his duty faithfully and impartially, and shall be entitled to such reasonable compensation for his services as the court may allow.

Decree of the court to be final.

SECTION 3. The decree of the court having jurisdiction, allowing any account of a trustee or guardian, shall be final and conclusive against all persons interested and legally competent at the date thereof and against all other persons interested, or who might by possibility be interested, although unborn, unascertained, or otherwise legally incompetent, whose guardian *ad litem* or next friend after having been duly qualified, has assented thereto, or been heard thereon, unless the same is appealed from in the manner, and within the time provided by chapter one hundred and seventeen of the General Statutes, except always in case of fraudulent concealment or fraudulent misrepresentation on the part of the accountant.

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. *Approved March 26, 1879.*

*Chap. 162* AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD.  
*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Salary of the mayor.

SECTION 1. The salary of the mayor of the city of New Bedford shall be twelve hundred dollars per annum.

Subject to acceptance by the voters.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, but be void unless accepted by the qualified voters of the city of New Bedford present and voting by ballot "Yes" or "No," at meetings warned for the purpose in the several wards by the board of aldermen, to be held within ninety days after the passage of this act.

*Approved March 26, 1879.*

*Chap. 163* AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT IN RELATION TO REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON."

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

Voting precincts in wards 23, 24, and 25, in city of Boston.

SECTION 1. On or before the first day of May in the current year the board of assessors of taxes in the city of Boston shall divide the wards numbered twenty-three, twenty-four and twenty-five of said city into the same number of voting precincts to which said wards were entitled, under chapter two hundred and forty-three of the

acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-eight ; said division to have reference to convenience of neighborhoods, and to remain in force until the new division of wards shall take effect as provided in said chapter two hundred and forty-three.

SECTION 2. The wardens and clerks chosen in the several voting precincts of the city of Boston at the last state election shall hold their respective offices until the next annual city election, and until their successors are chosen. In case any ward shall be divided into new voting precincts under the provisions of this act, the wardens and clerks chosen within the limits of such wards at the last state election shall, until others are chosen, act in the voting precinct which shall bear the same numerical designation as that for which they were respectively chosen at said state election. The mayor and aldermen shall, previous to any election during the current year, appoint from the legal voters in each additional voting precinct which may be established, one warden, one clerk and two inspectors. The inspectors so appointed shall be selected from different political parties, and all such officers shall hold office until others are chosen in their place as now provided by law.

Wardens and clerks to hold office until successors are chosen.

Wardens and clerks, in wards divided into new precincts.

Warden, clerk and inspectors to be appointed, etc.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved March 26, 1879.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF CUMMINGTON TO RAISE MONEY FOR CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF ITS INCORPORATION.

*Chap. 164*

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

SECTION 1. The town of Cummington is hereby authorized to raise money by taxation to an amount not exceeding five hundred dollars, for the purpose of commemorating, on the twenty-third day of June in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, the centennial anniversary of its incorporation, and for publishing the doings of said celebration ; and the vote of said town to that effect passed on the third day of March of this year is hereby legalized, ratified and made valid.

Town may raise money for commemorating centennial anniversary.

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

*Approved March 26, 1879.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR SUPPLYING THE STATE PRISON AT CONCORD WITH PURE WATER.

*Chap. 165*

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

The governor and council are hereby authorized to con-