

SECTION 4. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with ^{Repeal.} this act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 29, 1866.

AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ELECTION OF MODERATOR, AND OTHER DOINGS OF THE TOWN OF WEST ROXBURY.

Chap. 281

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. The election of moderator, and the several votes passed at a meeting of the inhabitants of the town of West Roxbury, held on the second day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, so far as the same may appear illegal for the reason that the check list was not used in the election of the moderator of said meeting, are hereby ratified, confirmed and made valid, to the same extent as if the check list had been used in said election.

Doings at meeting held April, '66, made valid.

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

Approved May 29, 1866.

AN ACT IN ADDITION TO "AN ACT TO PROVIDE STATE AID FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS AND SAILORS AND THEIR FAMILIES, AND FOR THE FAMILIES OF THE SLAIN."

Chap. 282

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

SECTION 1. The surgeon-general, under the direction and subject to the approval of the governor, is authorized to designate surgeons, in such places and in such numbers as he may find expedient, from time to time, and in like manner to vacate their appointments, who shall be authorized to examine all persons claiming to be disabled soldiers entitled to state aid under the one hundred and seventy-second chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, whose certificates of disability being received and acted upon in good faith by the cities and towns, shall, as to the fact of disability, be conclusive on the Commonwealth; and said certificates, which shall state particulars in relation to such disability, agreeably to a form to be prescribed by the surgeon-general, shall be returned to the state auditor, with the accounts for such aid as shall be paid thereon.

Surgeon-general may appoint surgeons to examine persons claiming aid.

Certificates of such surgeons to be sent auditor.

SECTION 2. The fee to be received by such surgeons shall in no case exceed one dollar; and the surgeon-general may establish a less fee, or a scale of fees, by official regulation.

Fee for examination.

SECTION 3. Any surgeon so designated who shall wilfully and corruptly make any false certificate concerning the disability of any such person, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Penalty for false certificate.

Appeal to State commission.

SECTION 4. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of appeal to the commission constituted by the fifth section of the one hundred and seventy-second chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Provisions of former Act shall apply to certain non-residents.

SECTION 5. The provisions of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-six, so far as they are applicable, shall apply to the widow, and children under fourteen years of age, (now residing without this state,) of any officer, soldier or sailor who served in the army or navy of the United States, to the credit of the state of Massachusetts, between the nineteenth day of April eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the first day of September eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and who died in said service, or who has since died by reason of wounds received or disease contracted while in said service: *provided*, that said soldier had been a resident of this state during the two months immediately preceding his enlistment; and *provided*, that said widow and children are in necessitous circumstances. The aid hereby provided, shall be paid as provided in section twelve of chapter one hundred and seventy-two of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-six.

Provisos.

Aid, how paid.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 29, 1866.

Chap. 283

AN ACT CONCERNING THE CARE AND EDUCATION OF NEGLECTED CHILDREN.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows:

Towns may provide for care of children and make by-laws concerning.

SECTION 1. Each of the several cities and towns in this Commonwealth is hereby authorized and empowered to make all needful provisions and arrangements concerning children under sixteen years of age, who, by reason of the neglect, crime, drunkenness or other vices of parents, or from orphanage, are suffered to be growing up without salutary parental control and education, or in circumstances exposing them to lead idle and dissolute lives; and may also make all such by-laws and ordinances respecting such children, as shall be deemed most conducive to their welfare and the good order of such city or town: *provided*, that said by-laws and ordinances shall be approved by the supreme judicial court, or any two justices thereof, and shall not be repugnant to the laws of the Commonwealth.

Justices S. J. Court to approve.

Persons to inspect execution.

SECTION 2. The mayor and aldermen of cities and the selectmen of towns availing themselves of the provisions of this act shall severally appoint suitable persons to make complaints in case of violations of such ordinances or by-laws as may be adopted, who alone shall be authorized to make complaints under the authority of this act.