

Chap. 157

AN ACT CONCERNING COUNTY SEALS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Commissioners to establish.

SECTION 1. County commissioners of any county may establish a seal for such county, which shall be in the custody of their clerk, and shall be affixed to all process issued by the county commissioners in cases where a seal is required.

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

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AN ACT CONCERNING TAXES UPON POLLS.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Not to exceed two dollars, except, etc.

SECTION 1. The thirty-first section of chapter eleven of the General Statutes is hereby so amended that the whole poll-tax assessed in one year upon an individual, for town, county and state purposes, except highway taxes separately assessed, shall not exceed two dollars.

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

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AN ACT CONCERNING BAIL IN CRIMINAL CASES IN THE COUNTY OF SUFFOLK.

Be it enacted, &c., as follows :

Bail after conviction to be received in open court.

SECTION 1. After a conviction in the superior court for the transaction of criminal business in the county of Suffolk, or after a plea of guilty or of *nolo contendere* in said court, the prisoner in such cases respectively, shall not be admitted to bail except in open court: *provided*, that when said court is not in session, bail may be taken by any judge of a court of record, or by any commissioner appointed by the justices of the superior court; and in such case such judge or commissioner shall have proof that written notice has been duly served at least twenty-four hours before the hearing of such application, upon the district-attorney or the assistant district-attorney for the Suffolk district, of the proposed application; such notice shall specify the name of the prisoner, the offence of which he is convicted, the time and place of hearing such application, with the name, occupation and place of residence of the several persons proposed as sureties.

Proviso: proceedings when not in session.

No person who has been once offered and rejected as surety shall afterwards be accepted as surety for the same person in the same case.

Rejection of person as surety to be final.

Attested certificate of surety taken out of court to be returned therein.

SECTION 2. Whenever bail is taken out of court as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the judge or commissioner to cause a certificate to be signed and sworn to by each surety, which shall contain the name, residence, including the street