

recently amended by section three of chapter twenty-four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and the title immediately preceding it, and inserting in place thereof the following:—

STATE CONVENTIONS.

*Section 54.* A political party may, upon the call of its state committee, but not earlier than one week nor later than two weeks after the holding of the primaries, hold a state convention for the purpose of adopting a platform, electing such number of members at large of the state committee as may be fixed by it, nominating presidential electors, and for such other purposes consistent with law as the state committee or the convention may determine. Such convention shall consist of the delegates elected at the state primary, the members of the state committee, the United States senators from Massachusetts who are members of the party, the nominees of the party for all offices to be filled at the state election, and in years in which no elections are held for such offices, the incumbents of those offices who are members of the party.

State conventions of political parties.

SECTION 3. No members of state, ward and town committees shall be elected at the state primaries in the current year, notwithstanding any provision of law requiring such election. The terms of office of members of each state, city, ward and town committee in office on the effective date of this act, except members of the state committees elected at the state conventions in nineteen hundred and thirty-six, are hereby extended until the organization of the successor of such committee, whose members shall be elected at the presidential primaries to be held in the year nineteen hundred and forty.

Extension of terms of members of existing committees.

SECTION 4. The notice to the state secretary of the number of delegates to the state convention, required by section nine of chapter fifty-two of the General Laws, as appearing in section one of this act, shall in the current year be given not later than July first, and, if not so given, the number to be elected shall be one for each ward and each town.

Temporary provision.

*Approved May 24, 1938.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARIES OF CERTAIN COURT OFFICERS IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

*Chap. 347*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section forty-nine of chapter thirty-five of the General Laws, as amended by section one of chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-five, is hereby further amended by striking out, in the eleventh and twelfth lines, the words "and probation officers, but including the officers described in section seventy-three and the first sentence of section seventy-six of" and inserting in place thereof the words:—, court officers

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 35, § 49, etc., amended.

appointed in Suffolk county under section seventy of chapter two hundred and twenty-one, and probation officers, but including the officer described in the first sentence of section seventy-six of said, — so as to read as follows:—

*Section 49.* Every office and position whereof the salary is wholly payable from the treasury of one or more counties, or from funds administered by and through county officials, except the offices of county commissioners and associate county commissioners, justices and special justices of the district courts, clerks and assistant clerks of the district courts other than the municipal court of the city of Boston, trial justices, other offices and positions filled by appointment of the governor with the advice and consent of the council, court officers appointed in Suffolk county under section seventy of chapter two hundred and twenty-one, and probation officers, but including the officer described in the first sentence of section seventy-six of said chapter two hundred and twenty-one, shall be classified by the board in the manner provided by sections forty-eight to fifty-six, inclusive, and every such office and position, now existing or hereafter established, shall be allocated by the board to its proper place in such classification. Offices and positions in the service of any department, board, school or hospital principally supported by the funds of the county or counties, or in the service of a hospital district established under sections seventy-eight to ninety-one, inclusive, of chapter one hundred and eleven, shall likewise be subject to classification as aforesaid. The word "salary", as used in this section, shall include compensation, however payable; but nothing in sections forty-eight to fifty-six, inclusive, and nothing done under authority thereof, shall prevent any person from continuing to receive from a county such compensation as is fixed under authority of other provisions of law or as is expressly established by law.

Classification  
of certain  
offices.

Salaries.

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 221, § 73,  
etc., amended,  
and new  
section 73A,  
added.

Salaries of  
certain court  
officers.

SECTION 2. Chapter two hundred and twenty-one of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section seventy-three, as amended by section two of chapter one hundred and eighty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-five, and inserting in place thereof the two following sections:— *Section 73.* Each officer in attendance upon the superior court in Suffolk county who is appointed under section seventy shall receive from said county in full for all services performed by him such salary as shall be fixed by the justices of such court. Each officer in attendance upon the supreme judicial court in said county shall receive in full for all services performed by him such salary as shall be fixed by the justices of the superior court of which salary five hundred and twenty-eight dollars shall be paid by the commonwealth and the remainder by said county. The fixing of salaries hereunder shall be subject to section seventy-three A.

Salary  
increases  
regulated.

*Section 73A.* No increase in the rate of salary for any position of court officer in Suffolk county referred to in sec-

tion seventy-three shall be made under said section seventy-three if thereby the ratio between the salary for such position and the salary for a comparable position of court officer in any other county, after equal length of service, would be more favorable to such position of court officer in Suffolk county than was such ratio at the time this section takes effect.

SECTION 3. Salaries of court officers in Suffolk county referred to in this act in force on the effective date thereof shall continue in force until fixed by the justices of the superior court as provided by this act.

Operation  
of act.

*Approved May 24, 1938.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE APPOINTMENT OF KEEPERS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE ATTACHMENT THEREOF.

*Chap. 348*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and twenty-three of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out section forty-eight, as amended by chapter three hundred and eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, and inserting in place thereof the following: — *Section 48.* An officer directed to make an attachment of personal property may, if the writ bears an endorsement signed by a justice, associate justice or special justice of the court in which the action is commenced and stating that, in his opinion, the appointment of a keeper is necessary, appoint a keeper of such property at or after the time of making such attachment. The officer, if necessary, may appoint a keeper of personal property which has been taken on execution. In either of the aforesaid cases he shall, upon the written request of the defendant, remove such property or the keeper without unreasonable delay. Costs in an action in which a keeper has been appointed shall be at the discretion of the court.

G. L. (Ter.  
Ed.), 223, § 48,  
etc., amended.

Keepers of  
attached  
personal  
property.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on October first in the current year.

Effective  
date.

*Approved May 24, 1938.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES OF CERTAIN WAR VETERANS FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY THE CITY OF FALL RIVER.

*Chap. 349*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city of Fall River may increase the amount of the retirement allowances paid to John Walker, Robert Hindle and John W. Cummings to an amount equal to one half the compensation received by them respectively at the time of their retirement, said persons having been retired under chapter two hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, although