

For militia transportation, the sum of two hundred fifty-three dollars and ninety-one cents. Militia transportation.

For the extermination of contagious diseases among horses, cattle and other animals, a sum not exceeding forty-five hundred dollars. Extermination of contagious diseases among animals.

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

*Approved April 24, 1903.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF BEVERLY TO INCUR INDEBTEDNESS FOR SCHOOL AND STREET PURPOSES. Chap. 263

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

SECTION 1. The city of Beverly, for the purpose of acquiring land and erecting and furnishing new buildings for school purposes, may from time to time issue bonds, notes or scrip to an amount not exceeding eighty-five thousand dollars, to be denominated on the face thereof, Beverly School Loan, Act of 1903, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Beverly School Loan, Act of 1903.

SECTION 2. Said city, for the purpose of paying the cost of taking or purchasing land for additional streets and of constructing such streets, may issue from time to time bonds, notes or scrip to an amount not exceeding sixty-five thousand dollars, to be denominated on the face thereof, Beverly Street Loan, Act of 1903, and to bear interest at a rate not exceeding four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually. Beverly Street Loan, Act of 1903.

SECTION 3. Such bonds, notes or scrip shall be payable within such periods, not exceeding twenty years from the dates of issue, as the city council shall from time to time determine, and, except as otherwise provided herein, shall be issued in accordance with the provisions of chapter twenty-seven of the Revised Laws and of acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, and they shall not be included in determining the legal limit of indebtedness of the city. Issue, etc., of bonds, notes or scrip.

SECTION 4. The city council of said city shall at the time of authorizing said loans provide for the payment thereof in such annual proportionate payments as will extinguish the same within the time prescribed in this act; and thereafter, without further action by the city council, the amount required for such payments shall be assessed by the assessors of said city in each year until the debt Payment of loans.

incurred by the city shall be extinguished, in the same manner in which other taxes are assessed under the provisions of section thirty-seven of chapter twelve of the Revised Laws.

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

*Approved April 25, 1903.*

*Chap. 264* AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MOUNT TOM STATE RESERVATION IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE.

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

County commissioners of Hampshire and Hampden counties to take, etc., certain land.

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of the county of Hampshire and the county of Hampden as a joint commission are hereby authorized and directed, within six months after the passage of this act, to take or acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, land not exceeding fifteen hundred acres in extent, situated on or about Mount Tom and Mount Nonotuck of the Mount Tom range of mountains in the county of Hampshire, lying northerly and westerly of land on the summit and slopes of Mount Tom now owned by the Mount Tom Railroad Company.

Mount Tom State Reservation.

SECTION 2. The land acquired under the provisions of this act shall be known as the Mount Tom State Reservation, and the title to the land shall be and remain in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Mount Tom State Reservation Commission.

SECTION 3. Said commission shall be known as the Mount Tom State Reservation Commission, and shall have the same power to acquire land for the Mount Tom state reservation which is given to the metropolitan park commission under the provisions of chapter four hundred and seven of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-three and acts amendatory thereof, and shall be vested with full power and authority to care for, protect and maintain the same in behalf of the Commonwealth.

Care and maintenance of reservation.

SECTION 4. The necessary expense for the care and maintenance of the said reservation, in excess of any income that may be derived therefrom, shall annually be estimated by said Mount Tom state reservation commission and shall be embodied by the county commissioners of said counties in the estimate annually submitted by them to the general court, and shall be assessed upon said counties according to their assessed valuations, and collected in the same manner in which county taxes are collected.

Mount Tom State Reservation Fund.

SECTION 5. The county treasurer of Hampshire county shall receive and hold, subject to the order of the Mount