

*Chap.* 179 AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND THREE OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, RELATING TO THE TAXABLE COSTS OF SAVINGS BANKS IN CERTAIN CASES.

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

Amendment to 1876, 203, § 19.

SECTION 1. Section nineteen of chapter two hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six is hereby amended by striking out at the end thereof the words "but in no case to the bank."

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

*Approved May 4, 1877.*

*Chap.* 180 AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT FOR ENCOURAGING THE CULTIVATION OF USEFUL FISHES.

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

Commissioners may fix the limits of great ponds leased.

SECTION 1. In all cases where the commissioners on inland fisheries have leased or shall hereafter lease any great ponds in this Commonwealth for the cultivation of useful fishes, the said commissioners may fix the limits of such great ponds, and determine what arms, coves or bays of the same shall be regarded as part of said great ponds; and the limits of said great ponds, so fixed and determined by said commissioners, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county where such ponds lie, shall be taken to be the legal limits of said great ponds for all the purposes of such case. The expense of fixing and recording such limits shall be paid by the lessees.

Record in registry of deeds.

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

*Approved May 4, 1877.*

*Chap.* 181 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER AUDITING OF THE EXPENSES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

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

Expenses of committees and joint committees.

SECTION 1. No joint committee of the legislature shall, in the performance of its duties, incur any expense to be paid by the Commonwealth unless duly authorized by order of the two branches; and no committee of either branch shall incur such expense unless authorized by order of the branch to which it belongs; except as hereinafter provided.

Committees may advertise public hearings.

SECTION 2. Any committee of the legislature, or of either branch thereof, may advertise such public hearings on matters referred to it as it may, by vote of a majority of the whole committee, determine to be expedient, in such newspapers published within the Commonwealth as it may deem proper: *provided*, that the order for such advertisement, signed by the chairman or secretary of the

Proviso.