

SECTION 3. The tax commissioner shall appoint a deputy, who shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars annually. He may himself or by his deputy visit any city or town and inspect the work of its assessors, and give to said officers such information and require of them such action as will tend to produce uniformity in valuation and assessments throughout the Commonwealth; and for any violation of the laws relating to the assessment of taxes by any assessor, for which a penalty is provided by law, may cause the offending officer to be indicted, either in the county in which said officer resides or in an adjoining county. He may also by himself or by his deputy appear at any hearing before the superior court or any board of county commissioners sitting for the abatement of taxes. In addition to his fixed compensation the commissioner or his deputy shall be allowed his reasonable travelling expenses.

Deputy tax commissioner to be appointed, etc.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of December in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

When to take effect.

Approved June 6, 1898.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN OF WINDSOR TO APPROPRIATE MONEY FOR BUILDING A TELEPHONE LINE FROM DALTON TO EAST WINDSOR.

Chap.508

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The town of Windsor may, by majority vote of the legal voters thereof at a meeting called for the purpose, appropriate not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars to meet the expense of building a telephone line from Dalton to East Windsor.

Town of Windsor may appropriate money to construct telephone line.

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

Approved June 7, 1898.

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE PROPRIETORS OF THE FOX CEMETERY IN THE TOWN OF BERKLEY TO TAKE, HOLD, SELL AND CONVEY CERTAIN LANDS.

Chap.509

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The deed of land to the Proprietors of the Fox Cemetery, a corporation organized under the provisions of chapter two hundred and two of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and eighty-five, from George

Certain proceedings confirmed

R. Babbitt, dated the fifteenth day of August in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the northern district of the county of Bristol, book five hundred and twenty, page one hundred and three, shall not be deemed invalid because said corporation was not legally authorized to receive and hold said land; and the powers of said corporation are hereby so far enlarged as to authorize it to hold and convey said land.

Certain strip of land may be conveyed for widening highway.

SECTION 2. Said corporation is hereby authorized to convey to the town of Berkley a strip of the land so conveyed to it by said Babbitt, bordering on the highway, for the purpose of widening and straightening said highway.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved June 7, 1898.

Chap.510 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION OF THE LAW RELATIVE TO THE USE OF STANDARD RECORD INKS FOR PUBLIC RECORDS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1894, 378, § 1, amended.

Section one of chapter three hundred and seventy-eight of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the words:—Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars,—so as to read as follows:—

Penalty for using other than standard record inks for public records.

Section 1. No person having the care or custody of any book of record or registry in any of the departments or offices of the Commonwealth, or of any county, city or town therein, shall use or allow to be used upon such books any ink excepting such as is furnished by the secretary of the Commonwealth. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be punished by fine not exceeding fifty dollars. *Approved June 8, 1898.*

Chap.511 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF PROBATION OFFICERS IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Appointment of probation officers in the superior court, etc.

SECTION 1. The superior court may appoint probation officers, who shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in any part of the Commonwealth for the superior court as the probation officers now have or perform when appointed under the provisions of chapter