

of a public office and pending the determination of the cause he ceases to hold that office, the court in its discretion may, after notice, allow an amendment to substitute his successor in office as a party respondent. If the petitioner prevails, his damages, including any salary or wages to which the petitioner may be entitled, shall be assessed and judgment shall be rendered therefor, with costs, and for a peremptory writ of mandamus; otherwise, the party answering shall recover costs of the petitioner. No action shall be maintained for a false answer. All writs and processes may be issued from the clerk's office in any county and shall be returnable as the court orders.

Approved April 12, 1949.

Chap.177 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF FOR ATTENDANCE UPON THE SUPERIOR COURT IN SUFFOLK COUNTY.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 221, new § 71A, added.

Assistant chief deputy sheriff for superior court.

Chapter 221 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 71, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, the following section:—*Section 71A.* The sheriff of Suffolk county may designate one of the court officers of the superior court to act as assistant chief deputy sheriff for attendance on the superior court in said county. Such officer, in addition to his regular duties as a court officer, shall perform such other duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the sheriff.

Approved April 12, 1949.

Chap.178 AN ACT VALIDATING THE ZONING BY-LAWS OF THE TOWN OF CANTON.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The zoning by-laws of the town of Canton adopted on March eighth, nineteen hundred and thirty-seven, are hereby validated and confirmed if and in so far as they are invalid by reason of failure to comply fully with provisions of law regulating the adoption of zoning by-laws.

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

Approved April 13, 1949.

Chap.179 AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ALLOWANCE OF FURTHER TIME FOR FILING A SPECIAL DEMAND FOR PROOF OF FIDUCIARY OR CORPORATE CAPACITY OR OF THE EXISTENCE OF A PUBLIC WAY IN CIVIL ACTIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

G. L. (Ter. Ed.), 231, § 30, amended.

Section 30 of chapter 231 of the General Laws, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "allegation", in line 6, the words: