

the appointment of a steward at the reformatory prison for women, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 2, 1904.

Chap.206 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SETTLEMENT OF ESTATES OF ABSENTEES.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

R. L. 144, § 4,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section four of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out the word "cause", in the third line, and inserting in place thereof the word:— order,— and by striking out all of said section after the word "Commonwealth", in the tenth line,— so as to read as follows:—

Notices in
cases of
settlement of
estates of
absentees.

Section 4. The return day of said notice shall be not less than thirty nor more than sixty days after its date. The court shall order said notice to be published in one or more newspapers within the Commonwealth, once in each of three successive weeks and to be posted in two or more conspicuous places in the city or town in which the absentee last resided or was known to have been either temporarily or permanently and upon each parcel of land named in the officer's schedule, and a copy to be mailed to the last known address of such absentee. The court may order other and further notice to be given within or without the Commonwealth.

1902, 544, § 20,
repealed.

SECTION 2. Section twenty of chapter five hundred and forty-four of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and two, which amends section twelve of chapter one hundred and forty-four of the Revised Laws, is hereby repealed.

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

Approved April 2, 1904.

Chap.207 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF CORPORATIONS.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1903, 437, § 20,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section twenty of chapter four hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and three is hereby amended by striking out the word "sixty", in the fourth line, and inserting in place thereof the word:— ninety,— so that the first sentence of the section will read as follows:— There shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders and the time and place of

Meetings of
stockholders.

holding it, and the manner of conducting it, shall be fixed by the by-laws: but it shall be held within ninety days after the end of the fiscal year of the corporation.

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

Approved April 2, 1904.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INVESTMENTS OF SAVINGS BANKS AND INSTITUTIONS FOR SAVINGS.

Chap. 208

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Sub-division *d* of clause second of section twenty-six of chapter one hundred and thirteen of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by adding to said clause the words: — or of any incorporated water district of said states whose bonds or notes are a direct obligation on all the taxable property of such district, and whose net indebtedness does not exceed three per cent of such valuation, — so as to read as follows: — *d*. In the bonds or notes of any city of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island or Connecticut, whose net indebtedness does not exceed five per cent of the last preceding valuation of the property therein for the assessment of taxes; or of any county or town of said states whose net indebtedness does not exceed three per cent of such valuation, or of any incorporated water district of said states whose bonds or notes are a direct obligation on all the taxable property of such district, and whose net indebtedness does not exceed three per cent of such valuation.

R. L. 113, § 26, amended.

Investments of savings banks and institutions for savings.

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

Approved April 7, 1904.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF CERTAIN STATE DOCUMENTS TO LAW LIBRARIES.

Chap. 209

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

All incorporated law libraries in Massachusetts shall be entitled to receive from the officers of the Commonwealth charged with the distribution of the same, copies of all books and documents to which the county law libraries are entitled under any general or special law, and one additional copy for each branch library maintained by them.

Certain state documents to be distributed to law libraries.

Approved April 9, 1904.