

hundred and forty-four of the acts of eighteen hundred and ninety-five, by chapter three hundred and thirty-seven of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen and by chapter three hundred and forty-three of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, and to assume all the duties and obligations of said district, and shall thereby become in all respects the lawful successor of said district.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not affect any act heretofore done, ratified or confirmed by the said district or any of its officers, nor any right accrued or established, nor any action, suit or proceeding commenced or had in a civil case, nor shall it impair the validity of any of the notes, bonds or other outstanding obligations of the said district at the time when it takes effect.

Certain acts, rights, etc., not affected.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority vote of the voters in the Mansfield Water Supply District present and voting thereon and by a majority vote of the voters of the town of Mansfield present and voting thereon at meetings duly called for this purpose, but for the purpose of submission to said voters shall take effect upon its passage.

To be submitted to voters, etc.

*Approved May 12, 1920.*

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK OF THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACQUIRE REAL ESTATE SUITABLE FOR THE TRANSACTION OF ITS BUSINESS. Chap.439

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

The Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston, incorporated by chapter seventy-seven of the acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, may invest its deposits, to an amount not exceeding one million dollars, in the purchase of a suitable site and the erection or preparation of a suitable building in the city of Boston for the transaction of its business.

Franklin Savings Bank of the City of Boston may acquire certain real estate.

*Approved May 12, 1920.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF AUTOMATIC SPRINKLERS IN TENEMENT HOUSES IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, AND TO APPEALS FROM DECISIONS OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER. Chap.440

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

SECTION 1. Section forty-five of chapter five hundred and fifty of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven, as amended by section ten of chapter seven hundred and eighty-two of the acts of nineteen hundred and fourteen,

1907, 550, § 45, etc., amended.

Certain tenement houses in Boston to have automatic sprinklers, etc.

and by section four of chapter three hundred and fifty-two of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and fifteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and substituting the following paragraphs:— Stairway enclosures, and elevator, light, ventilating and dumb-waiter shafts in all tenement houses, now or hereafter existing, being more than three stories high and containing more than ten suites, shall be provided with a system of automatic sprinklers approved as to situation, arrangement and efficiency by the building commissioner.

Provisions may be waived in certain cases.

As to existing tenement houses of first class construction, and as to existing tenement houses of second or third class construction in which any stairway enclosure, elevator, light, ventilating or dumb-waiter shaft is fireproof, as defined in section thirty-three, as amended by section fourteen of chapter one hundred and seventy-nine of the Special Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, the commissioner may waive the provisions of this section in respect to automatic sprinklers, except in cases where, in his opinion, a fire hazard exists.

Basements or cellars, when to have sprinklers, etc.

The building commissioner may order the basement or cellar of any tenement house more than three stories in height and having more than ten suites to be provided with a system of automatic sprinklers approved by him as to situation, arrangement and efficiency unless the ceilings of such basements or cellars and all partitions therein are protected with fireproofing as provided in section thirty-three. If the ceilings and partitions of such a basement or cellar are protected, as aforesaid, with fireproofing, the commissioner may, nevertheless, require to be installed therein a system of automatic sprinklers approved by him as to situation, arrangement and efficiency, provided that he finds a hazardous fire condition to exist in such basement or cellar.

Proviso.

1907, 550, § 45, etc., amended.

SECTION 2. Said section forty-five, amended as aforesaid, is hereby further amended by striking out the sixth paragraph, and substituting the following:— In every tenement house now or hereafter existing which is more than three stories high and has more than eight suites, all elevator, vent and dumb-waiter shafts and stairways shall be enclosed in the basement or cellar by masonry walls not less than eight inches thick, or by two-inch solid metal and plaster partitions with fireproof self-closing doors.

Elevators, stairways, etc., to be enclosed by masonry walls, etc.

1907, 550, § 7, amended.

SECTION 3. Section seven of said chapter five hundred and fifty is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten",

in the fourth line, and substituting the word: — thirty, — so that the first paragraph of the said section will read as follows: — An applicant for a permit whose application has been refused may appeal therefrom within ninety days. A person who has been ordered by the commissioner to incur any expense may within thirty days after being notified of such order appeal therefrom by giving to the commissioner notice in writing of his appeal. Such notice or a certified copy thereof shall at once be transmitted by the commissioner to the board of appeal. After notice given to such parties as the board shall order, a hearing shall be had, and the board shall affirm, annul, or modify said refusal or order. The board may vary the provisions of this act in specific cases which appear to them not to have been contemplated by this act although covered by it, or in cases where manifest injustice is done, provided that the decision of the board in such a case shall be unanimous and shall not conflict with the spirit of any provision of this act.

Appeals by persons when ordered by building commissioner to incur expense, etc.

Board may vary provisions of the act, etc.

Proviso.

*Approved May 12, 1920.*

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR AN ADDITIONAL LEGACY AND SUCCESSION TAX. Chap.441

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

The provisions of chapter one hundred and ninety-one of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, revived and re-enacted by section four of chapter three hundred and forty-two of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen, are hereby further revived and re-enacted and made applicable to property or any interest therein passing or accruing upon the death of persons who shall die between July twenty-second and December first in the current year, both dates inclusive. The proceeds of all taxes accruing under this act shall be retained for the general purposes of the commonwealth.

Additional legacy and succession tax.

*Approved May 12, 1920.*

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF MANCHESTER TO PAY CERTAIN SUMS OF MONEY TO FRANK P. KNIGHT AND OTHERS. Chap.442

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

SECTION 1. The town of Manchester may pay a sum of money, not exceeding twenty-five hundred dollars, jointly to Frank P. Knight and the estate of George L. Knight, both

Town of Manchester may pay money to