

AN ACT concerning State Paupers.

Chap. 171

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

SECT. 1. The board of alien commissioners shall prescribe the form of the certificate required in the fifth section of the two hundred and seventy-fifth chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, which certificate shall contain such inquiries in relation to the age, parentage, birthplace, former residence, and other facts relating to the pauper as they may judge necessary, to which the mayor of the city, or the overseers of the poor of the town from which the pauper is sent, shall render true answers as far as they are able, before said pauper shall be received into either of the State almshouses. The several cities and towns shall be furnished with blank forms of said certificate by the secretary of the Commonwealth.

Commissioners to prescribe form of certificate, &c.

Mayor and overseers to render true answers.

Secretary to furnish blank forms.

SECT. 2. In case any person, not having a legal settlement in this Commonwealth, shall fall into distress in any city or town, and cannot be removed, by reason of sickness or other disability, in the opinion of the officers in such city or town who may have such duty to perform, they shall notify the alien commissioners, who shall, if they deem it expedient, request the attending physician of the nearest State almshouse to visit said person ; and if, in his opinion, the person cannot be safely or properly removed, then the city or town providing for said pauper shall be entitled to such a sum, not exceeding three dollars per week, for the board and care of said pauper, as the alien commissioners shall deem to be just and right. No city or town shall receive pay for the support of any pauper as aforesaid, for any expense incurred prior to the mailing of said notice.

Provision for persons not having legal settlement.

No expense allowed prior to notice.

SECT. 3. The several cities and towns in the Commonwealth shall have the right, at their own expense, to send to one of the State almshouses, all paupers not having a settlement within the Commonwealth, as directed in the third section of the two hundred and seventy-fifth chapter of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, except as hereinafter provided. The alien commissioners shall have power to direct the mayor of any city, or the overseers of the poor of any town, to send such paupers to either of the State almshouses, as, in their judgment, the interests of the Commonwealth may require: *provided, however*, that if any city or town is required to send their paupers to a greater

Cities and towns may send paupers, under direction of commissioners.

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distance than is required in the act aforesaid, the necessary additional expense shall be paid by the Commonwealth.

Acts repealed.

SECT. 4. The four hundred and twelfth chapter, and the first and second sections of the four hundred forty-fifth chapter of the acts of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five, and all other acts inconsistent with this act, are hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 16, 1856.*]

Chap. 172

AN ACT concerning the Police Court of the City of Worcester.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Salary of clerk.

SECT. 1. The clerk of the police court of the city of Worcester shall receive a sum not exceeding seven hundred dollars per annum, for his services as clerk.

Salary of clerk pro tem.

SECT. 2. In case of the sickness or absence of the standing clerk, the clerk *pro tempore*, appointed by the justice of said police court, shall be allowed and paid a *pro rata* compensation for his services.

Duty of clerk.

SECT. 3. It shall be the duty of the clerk to attend every court held by the justices of the police court, or either of them, and to record all proceedings therein had, and to make out all warrants and processes which the said justices, or either of them, may order.

Partial repeal.

SECT. 4. So much of the fourth section of the act passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one, chapter two hundred and sixty-eight, as relates to the compensation of the clerk of the police court of Worcester, is hereby repealed.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. [*Approved by the Governor, May 16, 1856.*]

Chap. 173 AN ACT concerning the Election of Clerks of Courts and other County Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

Choice of certain county officers.

SECT. 1. At the annual election in November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and at the annual election in November of every third year thereafter, the legal voters of the several cities and towns in each county shall choose, by ballot, the commissioners of insolvency, sheriffs, and registers of probate for the several counties; they shall also choose, in the same manner, the district-