

*Chap. 179* AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND THREE OF THE ACTS OF THE YEAR EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX, RELATING TO THE TAXABLE COSTS OF SAVINGS BANKS IN CERTAIN CASES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Amendment to 1876, 203, § 19.

SECTION 1. Section nineteen of chapter two hundred and three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six is hereby amended by striking out at the end thereof the words "but in no case to the bank."

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

*Approved May 4, 1877.*

*Chap. 180* AN ACT IN ADDITION TO AN ACT FOR ENCOURAGING THE CULTIVATION OF USEFUL FISHES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Commissioners may fix the limits of great ponds leased.

SECTION 1. In all cases where the commissioners on inland fisheries have leased or shall hereafter lease any great ponds in this Commonwealth for the cultivation of useful fishes, the said commissioners may fix the limits of such great ponds, and determine what arms, coves or bays of the same shall be regarded as part of said great ponds; and the limits of said great ponds, so fixed and determined by said commissioners, and recorded in the registry of deeds for the county where such ponds lie, shall be taken to be the legal limits of said great ponds for all the purposes of such case. The expense of fixing and recording such limits shall be paid by the lessees.

Record in registry of deeds.

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

*Approved May 4, 1877.*

*Chap. 181* AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPER AUDITING OF THE EXPENSES OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES.

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

Expenses of committees and joint committees.

SECTION 1. No joint committee of the legislature shall, in the performance of its duties, incur any expense to be paid by the Commonwealth unless duly authorized by order of the two branches; and no committee of either branch shall incur such expense unless authorized by order of the branch to which it belongs; except as hereinafter provided.

Committees may advertise public hearings.

SECTION 2. Any committee of the legislature, or of either branch thereof, may advertise such public hearings on matters referred to it as it may, by vote of a majority of the whole committee, determine to be expedient, in such newspapers published within the Commonwealth as it may deem proper: *provided*, that the order for such advertisement, signed by the chairman or secretary of the

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committee, shall be forwarded to the newspaper in which it is to be published, by the auditor of the Commonwealth, who shall keep a record of such orders, and shall certify the bills therefor.

SECTION 3. All bills properly incurred by any committee, other than those mentioned in section two, shall be approved by a majority of the committee in writing before presentation to the auditor of the Commonwealth for allowance and payment.

Bills to be approved by a majority of the committee.

SECTION 4. Postage for the several committees of the legislature, or of either branch thereof, shall be furnished by the sergeant-at-arms, who shall be reimbursed for the same.

Postage.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

*Approved May 4, 1877.*

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER TWENTY-EIGHT OF THE GENERAL STATUTES IN RESPECT TO CLOSING TOMBS IN CITIES.

*Chap. 182*

*Be it enacted, &c., as follows:*

SECTION 1. The city council of any city may, upon report of the board of health thereof that the public health requires it, and after public notice and hearing in the manner hereinafter provided, forbid future interment in any tomb or tombs within the city limits.

Interments in tombs within city limits may be forbidden.

SECTION 2. The report of the board of health above mentioned shall specify the tomb or tombs to which its action refers, and name the owner or owners thereof if the same be known; and thereupon the city clerk shall give notice to such owner or owners as are known and reside within the Commonwealth, and shall likewise publish a notice at least twice a week for four consecutive weeks in two or more newspapers published in the city or in the county wherein said city is situate. The said notice shall recite the report of said board of health, and shall notify all parties interested in the premises to appear before a joint committee of the city council at a time not less than two nor more than three months from the last publication of said notice, and show cause why the report of said board of health should not be accepted and the tomb or tombs therein mentioned be closed. After such hearing the city council may, upon a vote of both branches thereof and with the approval of the mayor, declare said tomb or tombs to be closed, and no interments shall thereafter be permitted therein.

Board of health to specify tombs in report.