

*Chap.* 281 AN ACT TO CONFIRM THE ORGANIZATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TRINITY CHURCH OF THE UNALTERED AUGSBURG CONFESSION, IN BOSTON.

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

Doings confirmed.

SECTION 1. The organization of the Evangelical Lutheran Trinity Church of the unaltered Augsburg Confession, located on Parker Street in Boston, with all acts done thereunder, which religious societies may lawfully do, are hereby confirmed.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved May 13, 1881.*

*Chap.* 282 AN ACT TO SUPPLY THE VILLAGE OF CHICOPEE FALLS IN CHICOPEE WITH PURE WATER.

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

Water supply for Chicopee Falls fire district.

SECTION 1. The Chicopee Falls fire district in the town of Chicopee is hereby authorized to supply its inhabitants with pure water to extinguish fires, and for domestic and other purposes; and may establish public fountains and hydrants, and regulate their use, and may fix and collect rents and make regulations for the use of such water.

May make contracts for supply of water.

SECTION 2. Said district, for the purposes aforesaid, may enter into contracts with any corporation or person to furnish pure water by means of force pumps or other machinery, and may construct reservoirs, and lay down conduits, pipes and drains under or over any water course, and along any street, highway or other way in said district in such manner as not to obstruct the same; and for the purpose of constructing reservoirs and laying down, maintaining and repairing such reservoirs, conduits, pipes and drains, and for all other proper purposes of this act, may dig up any such street, highway or other way; but all things done upon any street, highway or other way shall be subject to the direction of the selectmen of said town.

May dig up streets.

Liability for damages.

SECTION 3. Said district shall be liable to pay all damages sustained by any person on his property by any act done under the authority herein given. If any person sustaining damages as aforesaid cannot agree with said district upon the amount of such damages, he may have the same assessed by the county commissioners of the county of Hampden by making a written application therefor within one year after sustaining such damages; and either party aggrieved by the doings of said commissioners in the estimation of said damages may have the same determined by a jury; and the said commissioners and jury shall have the

same power, and the proceedings shall in all respects be conducted in the same manner, as provided in case of taking land for highways.

SECTION 4. The rights, powers and privileges hereby granted may be exercised by such officers, agents and servants as such fire district shall elect or employ, who shall act in accordance with the votes of said fire district.

Powers may be exercised by agents.

SECTION 5. Said district is hereby made a body corporate so far as to accomplish the purposes of this act, and to prosecute and defend in all actions relating to the property and affairs of said district.

District made a body corporate.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a two-thirds vote of the legal voters of said fire district.

Subject to acceptance.

*Approved May 13, 1881.*

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ABANDONED ANIMALS.

*Chap. 283*

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

SECTION 1. Any officer or agent of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals may take charge of any animal found abandoned within this Commonwealth, that may appear to be diseased or disabled beyond recovery for any useful purpose, and such officer shall, as early as may be, cause such animal to be appraised by two reputable citizens, to be duly sworn, who shall view the same in his presence and determine its value, and if the appraised value of the same shall not exceed five dollars, such officer may at once kill, or cause to be killed, said animal in a humane manner.

Abandoned animal may be killed, if appraised value does not exceed five dollars.

SECTION 2. And said society whose officer or agent shall kill or cause to be killed any animal so taken and appraised, shall be indebted to the owner for the amount of its value, except where the death of the animal was rendered necessary by the wilful abandonment or cruelty of the owner as determined by the appraisers; and the appraisers shall be paid by said society a reasonable compensation for their services.

Owner to be paid, unless killing was made necessary by cruelty, etc.

Compensation of appraisers.

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

*Approved May 13, 1881.*

AN ACT RELATING TO THE TAXATION OF SHIPS AND VESSELS ENGAGED IN FOREIGN TRADE.

*Chap. 284*

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

SECTION 1. Ships and vessels engaged in the foreign carrying trade shall not, for the purposes of taxation, be included in the personal estate of persons to be taxed; but the net yearly income of such ships or vessels shall be

Vessels in foreign carrying trade not to be taxed.