

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DISTRICT TO TAKE OR PURCHASE THE FRANCHISE AND PROPERTY OF THE GREAT BARRINGTON WATER COMPANY.

Chap. 396

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. The Great Barrington Fire District is hereby authorized to take, by purchase or otherwise, the franchise, corporate property and all the rights and privileges of the Great Barrington Water Company, incorporated by chapter three hundred of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, at a price which may be mutually agreed upon between said water company and said fire district; and the said water company is authorized to make sale of the same to said fire district. In case said fire district and said water company are unable to agree upon the amount of damages sustained by said water company by reason of the taking of its franchise, corporate property, rights and privileges, under the provisions of this act then the compensation to be paid shall be determined by three commissioners to be appointed by the supreme judicial court upon application of either party and notice to the other, whose award, when accepted by said court, shall be binding upon all parties. This authority to purchase or take said franchise and property is granted on condition that the same is assented to by said fire district by a two-thirds vote of the voters present and voting thereon at a meeting called for that purpose and held before the first day of August next or at any regular annual meeting thereafter called for said purpose within four years from the passage of this act.

The Great Barrington Fire District may purchase the franchise and property of the Great Barrington Water Company.

Subject to a two-thirds vote.

SECTION 2. The Great Barrington Fire District shall have authority for the purpose of paying all costs and expenses of such franchise, corporate property, rights and privileges, purchased under the provisions of this act, and all expenses incident thereto, to issue, from time to time, notes, scrip or certificates of debt, to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate forty-five thousand dollars, to be denominated on the face thereof Great Barrington Water Scrip. Such notes, scrip or certificates of debt shall be payable at the expiration of periods not exceeding twenty years from the date of issue; shall bear interest at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually; and shall be signed by the treasurer of said fire district and countersigned by the water com-

May issue notes, etc., not exceeding \$45,000.

missioners hereinafter provided for. A record of all such notes, scrip and certificates shall be made and kept by the said treasurer; and the said fire district may sell the same or any part thereof from time to time at public or private sale, or pledge the same for money borrowed for the purposes aforesaid, on such terms and conditions as the said fire district shall judge proper.

Taxes may be assessed for payment of principal and interest.

SECTION 3. The town of Great Barrington is hereby fully authorized to assess and collect upon the polls and estate, real and personal, in said fire district all taxes necessary to pay the principal and interest of the scrip that shall be sold or pledged by the said district as aforesaid.

Great Barrington water commissioners to have charge of the property.

SECTION 4. If this act is accepted by said fire district under the provisions of section one, then three commissioners shall be chosen by the voters of said fire district at a meeting duly called for that purpose, who shall have charge of the corporate property acquired by said fire district under the provisions of this act, and who shall be called the Great Barrington water commissioners. Said water commissioners shall be chosen by ballot, one for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and at the expiration of their respective terms of office successors shall be chosen, each for a term of three years. Said commissioners shall superintend and manage the water works, and make rules and regulations for the collection of water rents, and for the care and preservation of said corporate property.

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

Approved June 11, 1887.

Chap.397 AN ACT TO FIX THE TENURE OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE FORCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Police officers to hold office during good behavior.

SECTION 1. All members of the regular police force of the city of Lawrence, excepting the city marshal or chief of police, shall be hereafter appointed by the mayor subject to confirmation by the board of aldermen, to hold office during good behavior; and such officers may be removed by the mayor and board of aldermen, after a due hearing, for such cause as they may deem sufficient and shall express in the order of removal.

Repeal.

SECTION 2. So much of the charter of the city of Lawrence as is inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

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

Approved June 11, 1887.