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CHAPTER 149.

AN ACT RELIEVING THE TOWN OF WATERVILLE FROM THE ASSESSMENT
OF SCHOOL MONEY WHILE IT HAS NO RESIDENT SCHOLARS.

SECTION

1. Town released from assessment of school money; disposition of school money now on hand.

SECTION

2. Takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The town of Waterville is hereby released from the assessment of school money required by law during such time as there are no scholars resident in said town, and the selectmen are hereby authorized to expend any school money now in the treasury of such town on the repairs of highways.

Town released from assessment of school money; disposition of school money now on hand.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect on its passage.
[Approved February 23, 1897.]

Takes effect on passage.

CHAPTER 150.

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE HILLSBOROUGH BRIDGE VILLAGE FIRE
PRECINCT, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF WATER COM-
MISSIONERS THEREFOR, AND DEFINING THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION

1. Acts of precinct legalized and extension authorized.
2. Election of water commissioners; their powers; vacancies.
3. Further powers; reports.

SECTION

4. Regulations protecting works and water; penalties.
5. Property exempt from taxation.
6. Takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. The Hillsborough Bridge Village Fire Precinct having been organized and established under the general laws of this state, for the following purposes: the extinguishment of fires, the lighting and sprinkling of streets, the planting and caring for shade and ornamental trees, the supply of water for domestic and fire purposes, the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and main drains or common sewers; and having pur-

Acts of precinct legalized and extension authorized.

chased real estate and a system of water-works therefor; — said precinct is hereby authorized to hold and operate the same, and farther extend its said system, and pay therefor; and all acts of said precinct relating to the purchase, holding, operating, or the extension of said water-works, and all acts in relation to the payment therefor, are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Election of water commissioners; their powers; vacancies.

SECT. 2. The management, control, and direction of the water-works in said precinct shall be vested in a board of water commissioners, to consist of five inhabitants of the precinct, the first board to be chosen by the legal voters of the precinct at the next annual, or some subsequent special, meeting duly called for the purpose; and of the five so chosen at the first election, one shall be chosen and hold his office until the annual meeting for the year 1898; one until the annual meeting for the year 1899; one until the annual meeting for the year 1900; one until the annual meeting for the year 1901; and the other until the annual meeting for the year 1902; and at each annual meeting of the precinct, beginning with the year 1898, one commissioner shall be chosen to fill the place of the one whose term then expires; and they shall each hold their respective offices for the term of five years, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead respectively. Their compensation shall be fixed by the precinct. They shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of their duties. They may choose one of their number as chairman of the board, and may appoint a clerk; they may also appoint a superintendent of the works and such other agents and servants as they deem necessary, and may fix their compensation. They may make such rules and regulations for their own government, and in relation to all officers and agents appointed by them, as they deem proper. Whenever a vacancy occurs in said board, from any cause, the remaining members of the board may fill such vacancy temporarily by an appointment in writing, which shall be filed with the clerk of the precinct and recorded by him, and the person so appointed shall hold said office until the next annual precinct meeting after his appointment, when the precinct shall elect a commissioner to fill the unexpired term, if any, of the person whose office became vacant, and was so temporarily filled by such appointment.

Further powers; reports.

SECT. 3. Said commissioners shall have full charge and control over the said works. They shall establish rates and tolls, and prescribe rules and regulations for the use of water, and may sell and dispose of such articles of personal property connected with the said works as they shall deem expedient, and may purchase such property as may be in their judgment necessary for said works and the purpose contemplated by this act; and they shall annually make a report to the precinct of the condition of the water-works and the funds belonging to their department, and the expenses and income thereof, which shall be published in the precinct report of each year.

Regulations protecting works and water; penalties.

SECT. 4. The water commissioners are authorized and empowered to make rules and regulations to prevent injury to the water-

works, and to any of its appurtenances, and to prevent any defilement or pollution of any spring, stream, or pond from which water shall be taken for such works, and of the water that enters or is in the works, and may affix penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars (\$20), for any violation thereof, to be recovered on complaint before any justice of the peace, for the use of the precinct.

SECT. 5. All property, real and personal, used by said precinct in the operation of its water-works shall be exempt from taxes. Property exempt from taxation.

SECT. 6. This act shall take effect from its passage.
[Approved February 23, 1897.]

Takes effect on passage.

CHAPTER 151.

AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 194 OF LAWS OF 1883, ESTABLISHING THE MASONIC ORPHANS' HOME.

SECTION

1. Object of Masonic Orphans' Home.

SECTION

2. Takes effect on passage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened :

SECTION 1. Section 3 of said act is amended as follows, by inserting after the word "destitute," in the second line of said section 3, "Freemasons and destitute widows and," so that said section 3, as amended, shall be, "The object of this institution shall be to provide and sustain a home for destitute Freemasons and destitute widows and orphans of Freemasons of the state of New Hampshire."

Object of Masonic Orphans' Home.

SECT. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.
[Approved February 23, 1897.]

Takes effect on passage.