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ACTS AND RESOLVES

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OF THE

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aforesaid, to make and maintain such fence, they shall forfeit and pay to the land owner the sum of one hundred dollars for each month they shall refuse or neglect to make and maintain such fence, after the expiration of said thirty days, said forfeiture to be recovered in any appropriate action and before any court competent to try the same.

SECT. 21. This act shall take effect and be in force in thirty days from and after its signature by the governor.

[Approved March 30, 1853.]

Chapter 42.

An act additional concerning town meetings, and the assessment of taxes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

SECT. 1. The ninth section of the fifth chapter of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words, "or April," so as to provide that the annual meeting for the choice of town officers shall be held in the month of March annually.

Time for holding annual meetings for election of town officers established.

SECT. 2. Sections sixth, seventh, ninth and tenth, of an act entitled an act concerning the assessment of taxes, approved April fifth, eighteen hundred and forty-five, being chapter one hundred and fifty-nine of the laws of said year, are hereby amended by striking out the word "May," wherever it occurs, and inserting instead thereof the word "April," so as to provide that the poll tax shall be assessed upon each taxable person, in the place where he shall be an inhabitant, on the first day of April, and that real estate shall be assessed to the person who shall be the owner or in possession thereof, on the first day of April in each year, and that personal property shall be assessed to the owner, in the place where he shall be an inhabitant, on the first day of April in each year.

—assessment of taxes.

SECT. 3. Section sixty-three of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "first day of May," and inserting instead thereof the words "tenth day of April," so as to provide that the selectmen of every town, before the tenth day of April, annually, shall, in writing, assign to each surveyor of highways his divisions and limits, which assignment he is hereby required to observe.

—assignment of limits to highway surveyors.

SECT. 4. Section sixty-five of chapter twenty-five of the revised statutes is hereby amended by striking out the words "on or before the first day of June," and inserting instead

Assessors to perform certain duties.

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thereof the words, "on or before the tenth day of May," so as to provide that the several duties imposed upon the assessors of towns, in said section, shall be performed on or before the tenth day of May in each year.

SECT. 5. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

[Approved March 30, 1853.]

Chapter 43.

An act amendatory of "an act to provide for the education of youth," approved August twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Legislature assembled, as follows:

School money,
how raised, &c.

SECT. 1. The word "forty" in the seventh line of section five, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, is hereby stricken out, and the word "fifty" inserted instead, so that the section, as amended, shall read as follows, to wit:—Section 5. Every town shall, annually, raise and expend, for the maintenance of the schools therein, to be taught by masters and mistresses, duly qualified, a sum of money, exclusive of the income of any corporate school fund, or of any grant from the revenue, or funds from the state, or of any voluntary donation, devise or bequest, or of any forfeitures accruing to the use of schools, not less than fifty cents for each inhabitant; the number to be computed according to the last census of the state, under which the representation thereof in the legislature shall have been apportioned.

Supervisor of
public schools.

SECT. 2. The words "containing two thousand inhabitants or more," in the first line of section nine, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, are hereby stricken out, so that the section, as amended, shall read: "Section 9. Any town, instead of the committee named in the preceding section, may choose some competent individual, annually, an inhabitant of said town, who shall be constituted a supervisor of the public schools of the town; the same to be duly sworn, and to have all the powers, privileges and duties, and in respect of all the provisions of this act, to stand in the place of a superintending school committee, as by law provided."

SECT. 3. The words "six and fifteen," in the third and fourth lines of section fourteen, article one, of the act to which this is amendatory, are hereby stricken out, and the words