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Chapter 8.**CHAP. 8.**

An act to amend chapter one hundred and sixty-six of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to school money.

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

Chapter one hundred and sixty-six, section seven, of the public laws of eighteen hundred and seventy-four, is hereby amended by striking out the word "ten," in the third line, and substituting therefor the word 'twenty,' and striking out the word "ten," in the fourth line, and substituting therefor the word 'twenty,' so that said section shall read as follows :

Sec. 7, ch. 166, laws 1874, amendment of.

SECT. 1. The assessors and superintending school committee, or supervisors of towns, cities and plantations, may annually apportion twenty per centum of all money required to be raised by the fifth section of the revised statutes, and twenty per centum of all money received from the state for schools, except money received under the free high school act, among the districts in the several towns, cities and plantations, in such manner as in their judgment shall give to the smaller districts, as nearly as may be, an equal opportunity of enjoying the benefits of common school education with the larger districts.

Apportionment of school money among the smaller districts in the several towns, &c.

Approved February 12, 1875.

Chapter 9.

An act additional to "an act in relation to contested elections."

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

SECT. 1. Notice of intention to contest the right of any person claiming to be elected to a seat in the house of representatives, with a statement of the reasons for so doing, may be served on such person by the contestant at any time subsequent to the election, and shall be at least fifteen days prior to the organization of said house ; and all testimony deemed necessary by either party shall be by depositions taken in accordance with the statute, or by parole evidence, and presented to said body within three days from the commencement of the session ; and in all cases where this law is not strictly complied with, except in extreme cases where injustice would be done if a continuance was not allowed, the party neglecting shall be denied a postponement, and the committee on elections shall proceed to determine such cases by the testimony before them.

Contested elections, notice by contestant, how and when served.

Testimony, how taken and presented.

Party denied a postponement in case of neglect.

CHAP. 10.

Sec. 49, ch. 4, R. S., amendment of.

SECT. 2. Section forty-nine of chapter four of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by striking out the word "five," in the third line, and inserting the word 'three,' so that said section as amended will read as follows :

Petition of contestant, when to be presented.

' When any person intends to contest, before the house of representatives, the right of any person to his seat therein, he shall present his petition to said house within three days after the organization thereof, stating the grounds upon which he proposes to contest the seat of the person claiming to hold the same.

Depositions, how taken.

Depositions may be taken in the manner authorized by the provisions of chapter one hundred and seven, in cases of contested senatorial elections.'

Approved February 12, 1875.

Chapter 10.

An act to amend section one hundred and forty-eight of chapter six of the revised statutes, relating to abatement of taxes.

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

Sec. 148, ch. 6, R. S., amendment of.

Section one hundred and forty-eight of chapter six of the revised statutes is hereby amended by adding in the third line, after the word "collector," the words 'or treasurer ;' and by striking out, in the fifth line, after the word "taxes," the words "were committed," and inserting the words 'are to be paid to obtain the abatement,' and by inserting after the word "abatement," in the eighth line, the words 'but no such person shall receive an abatement of more than ten per centum of the amount of tax assessed against him ;' so that the section as amended shall read as follows :

Abatement for voluntary payment of taxes.

' SECT. 148. At any meeting, when they vote to raise a tax, a town may agree on the abatement to be made to those who voluntarily pay their taxes to the collector or treasurer at certain periods, and the times within which he is so entitled ; and a notification of such votes, and the time when such taxes are to be paid to obtain the abatement, shall be posted up by the treasurer in one or more public places in his town, within seven days after such commitment ; and all who so pay their taxes shall be entitled to such abatement ; but no such person shall receive an abatement of more than ten per centum of the amount of tax assessed against him ; and all taxes not so paid shall be collected by the collector or his deputy, under the other provisions of this chapter.'

—notice of, shall be posted up.

Abatement not to exceed ten per centum of tax.

Approved February 12, 1875.