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—exceptions.

—shall not apply to certain cities.

When act shall take effect.

committees other than those herein provided for, but the provisions of this act shall not apply to cities whose charters specify the methods of election and term of office of its superintending school committee or board of education.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Approved March 27, 1897.

Chapter 328.

An Act to define the jurisdiction and authority of constables and city marshals in criminal matters in the county of York, amending Section fifty-four, Chapter eighty of the Revised Statutes.

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

Section 54, chapter 80, R. S., amended.

Sect. 1. Section fifty-four of chapter eighty of the revised statutes, is hereby amended by adding to said section the following: 'But, except for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom he has arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose of pursuing a person who has gone into another town, and for whose arrest such constable or marshal has a warrant, no constable of the several towns, or city marshal of the several cities, in the county of York, shall have any authority in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city in which he is elected or chosen,' so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Constables may serve certain warrants in any town in the county; officers may serve certain precepts in any county.

'Sect. 54. A warrant issued by a municipal or police court, or a trial justice, for an offense committed in his county, or under the law for the maintenance of bastard children, may be directed to and executed by a constable of any town therein; and if the accused has gone into another county before or after the warrant was issued, a sheriff or his deputy, coroner, or constable, having the warrant, may pursue and arrest him in any county, and carry him to the county where the act complained of was committed; and when such officer arrests a person to commit him to the jail of his county, he may convey him by the most convenient and suitable route, although it pass through other counties. But, except for the purpose of retaking a prisoner whom he has arrested and who has escaped, or for the purpose of pursuing a person who has gone into another town and for whose arrest such constable or marshal has a

—commitment of persons.

—powers of constables and city marshals in York county, restricted.

warrant, no constable of the several towns, or city marshal of the several cities, in the county of York, shall have any authority in criminal matters beyond the limits of the town or city in which he is elected or chosen.'

Sect. 2. This act shall take effect when approved.

Approved March 27, 1897.

Chapter 329.

An Act amendatory of and additional to Chapter eighteen of the Revised Statutes, relating to the repair of Highways.

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

Sect. 1. Sections sixty, sixty-three and seventy-three of the revised statutes are hereby repealed.

Section 60, 63 and 76, (chapter 18,) R. S., repealed.

Sect. 2. Section seventy of said chapter is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 70, amended.

'Sect. 70. Towns may raise money for the repair of bridges and ways, and direct the same to be assessed as other town taxes, to be expended for the purpose by a road commissioner, under the direction of the selectmen.'

Towns may raise money for bridges and ways.

Sect. 3. Section fifty-nine of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out all after the word "charges," in the second line, so that said section, as amended, shall read as follows:

Section 59, amended.

'Sect. 59. Each town shall annually raise money to be expended on the town ways and highways, to be assessed as other town charges.'

Towns may raise money for ways.

Sect. 4. Each town at its annual meeting shall elect, by ballot, a road commissioner who shall have charge of the repairs of all highways and bridges within the town and shall have authority to employ the necessary men and teams, and purchase timber, plank and other material for the repair of highways and bridges. Said commissioner shall be sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty, give bonds to the satisfaction of the selectmen, and be responsible to them for the expenditure of money, and discharge of his duties generally. The compensation of said commissioner shall be such sum as the town shall annually vote therefor, which sum shall, in no case be less than two dollars per day, of every day of actual service; and he shall render to the selectmen monthly statements of his expenditures, and

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—shall be sworn and bond.

—compensation.

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