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whose orders and decisions shall be final and binding, except questions of law.

thirty days after their appointment, after due notice and hearing, affirm the orders and decisions of the municipal officers, or amend or modify the same, or make new and further orders, decisions and regulations governing such joint use of such poles by any of the parties to the proceedings, or in relation to the proportionate share of the expense to be borne by each party using such joint poles, or the just and fair rental therefor, and their report, which shall be filed with the clerk of said court, upon being accepted by any justice of said supreme judicial court in term time or in vacation shall be final and binding on all parties to the proceedings except that questions of law arising under such proceedings may be reserved for decision by the law court. Any person affected by any order or decision of the municipal officers, who is not joined in the original complaint, may, on petition to the supreme judicial court, be joined therein at any time before hearing by the committee appointed under this section. This act shall further not apply to long distance telephone wires, or lines of poles used for the support thereof. For the purpose of this act no wire shall be deemed to be a long distance telephone wire which does not extend twenty miles at least in a direct line from a central office.

—this act not to apply to long distance telephone wires, etc.

Power and authority conferred by this act are in addition to chapter 55, R. S.

Section 3. The power and authority conferred on municipal officers under the provisions of this act are in addition to those vested in municipal officers under the provisions of chapter fifty-five of the revised statutes; and nothing herein contained shall be construed as giving to any party the right of appeal from any of the decisions, specifications, orders or permits, or alterations thereof, of the municipal officers under the provisions of said chapter fifty-five.

Shall apply to cities of more than 40,000 inhabitants.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall apply only to cities having a population of more than forty thousand inhabitants.

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 237.

An Act to amend Section eighty-nine of Chapter four of the Revised Statutes, relating to right to take land for parks, squares and public libraries.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section 89, chapter 4, R. S., amended.

Section eighty-nine of chapter four of the revised statutes is hereby amended by inserting after the word "squares" in the seventh line of said section the word 'playgrounds,' so that said section as amended shall read as follows:

'Section 89. Any city or town, containing more than one thousand inhabitants, upon petition in writing signed by at least thirty of its taxpaying citizens, directed to the municipal officers, describing the land to be taken as hereinafter provided, and the names of the owners thereof so far as they are known, at a meeting of such town, or of the mayor, aldermen and council of such city may direct such municipal officers to take suitable lands for public parks, squares, playgrounds, or a public library building; and thereupon such officers may take such land for such purposes, but not without consent of the owner, if at the time of filing such petition, with such officers, or in the office of the clerk of such town or city, such land is occupied by a dwelling-house wherein the owner or his family reside.'

Cities and larger towns may, on petition, take land for parks, squares, public libraries and playgrounds.

Approved April 2, 1909.

Chapter 238.

An Act to amend Chapter fifteen of the Revised Statutes, in relation to Education.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

Section fifty-one of chapter fifteen of the revised statutes as amended by chapter forty-eight of the public laws of nineteen hundred and five, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "chapter" in the fifteenth line thereof the following:

Section 51, chapter 15, R. S., as amended by chapter 48, public laws, 1905 further amended.

'Truant officers, when so directed in writing by the superintendent of schools or the superintending school committee of their respective towns, may visit the manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile and other business establishments in their several cities and towns during the hours in which the public schools of such city or town are in session, and ascertain whether any minors under the age of fifteen years are employed therein, and shall report any cases of such employment to the superintendent of schools or the superintending school committee of their city or town, and if employed therein contrary to the provisions of chapter forty, shall also report such illegal employment to the inspector of factories, workshops, mines and quarries. The owner, superintendent, overseer or agent of all manufacturing, mechanical, mercantile or other business establishments, upon request, shall produce for the inspection of such truant officers all certified copies of records of birth and baptism, passports and age and schooling certificates required to be kept on file in such establishments under chapter forty of the revised statutes,' so that said section when amended shall read as follows: