

Determination and assessment of additional construction cost.

Maximum cost of construction of certain other bridges over Charles River Basin.

Proviso.

of Article LXII of the amendments to the constitution. The additional construction cost incurred under the provisions of this section, including interest, shall be determined and assessed in accordance with the provisions of section five relative to the Essex street-Brookline street-Cottage Farm bridge and approaches.

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section four of said chapter four hundred and ninety-seven, the maximum cost of construction, as defined in said section four, of the bridge between Watertown and Boston, the Western avenue bridge and the River street-Brighton street bridge, severally authorized to be constructed by said chapter, shall be two hundred thousand dollars, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and three hundred thousand dollars, respectively; provided, that nothing in this section shall authorize any further borrowing on the credit of the commonwealth.

*Approved May 8, 1926.*

*Chap. 328* AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE COTUIT FIRE DISTRICT IN THE TOWN OF BARNSTABLE.

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

Cotuit Fire District in town of Barnstable, established.

Powers, duties, etc.

May make certain contracts.

Policemen and watchmen, employment, etc.

May raise money by taxation, etc.

First meeting, how called, etc.

SECTION 1. The inhabitants of the town of Barnstable residing in the territory known as precinct seven, as described in the records of the town clerk of said town and as shown by a map now on file in the office of the selectmen thereof, and liable to taxation in said town, shall constitute a fire district, and are hereby made a body corporate by the name of Cotuit Fire District; and said corporation, except as herein otherwise provided, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and liabilities set forth in all general laws now or hereafter in force relating to fire districts.

SECTION 2. The said district may make contracts for the purchase of engines and other apparatus and articles necessary for the extinguishment of fires, for hydrant and water service, for lighting its streets and other public places with gas or electricity, for the construction and maintenance of sidewalks and for any other thing that may lawfully be done by said district.

SECTION 3. The prudential committee of the said district may employ and pay policemen and watchmen for the protection of property and persons and for patrolling the streets of said district.

SECTION 4. Said district may, at meetings called for the purpose, raise money by taxation for any of the purposes for which fire districts may, under general laws now or hereafter in force, raise money, and for all other purposes necessary or proper under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. The first meeting of said district shall be called on petition of five or more legal voters therein by warrant from the selectmen of the town of Barnstable, or from a justice of the peace directed to one of the petitioners

requiring him to give notice of the meeting by posting copies of said warrant in two or more public places in said district seven days at least before the time of meeting. One of the petitioners shall preside at the meeting until a clerk is chosen and sworn, and the clerk shall preside until a moderator is chosen. The meeting may then proceed to act on the other articles contained in the warrant.

Presiding officers, etc.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by a majority of the legal voters of said district present and voting at a meeting called for that purpose in accordance with the provisions of section five of this act, within six years after the passage of this act. If voted upon and not accepted, it may be resubmitted at subsequent district meetings, legally called for the purpose; provided, that it shall not be voted upon by the district more than three times in any one year.

Submission to voters of district, etc.

Proviso.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN APPEALS IN FELONY CASES AND PROVIDING FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DELAY IN ALL FELONY AND CERTAIN OTHER CRIMINAL CASES.

*Chap. 329*

*Be it enacted, etc., as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section thirty-three A of chapter two hundred and seventy-eight of the General Laws, inserted by section one of chapter two hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-five, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "manslaughter" in the third line, the words: —, or upon an indictment or complaint for any other felony by order of a justice of the superior court made subject to this and the six following sections as provided in section thirty-one, — so as to read as follows: —

G. L. 278, § 33A, etc., amended.

*Section 33A.* In any proceedings or trial upon an indictment for murder or manslaughter, or upon an indictment or complaint for any other felony by order of a justice of the superior court made subject to this and the six following sections as provided in section thirty-one, the evidence shall be taken by an official stenographer or by a stenographer appointed by the court, and transcribed in such number of copies as the court may direct. The evidence transcribed shall be designated as the "Transcript of the Evidence", shall be certified by the stenographer and shall, with such corrections as are made therein by direction of the court, be regarded as a true record of the evidence. Alleged errors in the transcript of the evidence must be seasonably called to the attention of the court. Exceptions taken during the proceedings and trial shall be numbered consecutively in the transcript of the evidence.

Murder, manslaughter and certain other felony cases, taking of evidence upon indictment or complaint, etc.

"Transcript of the Evidence", certification, etc.

SECTION 2. Section thirty-three B of said chapter two hundred and seventy-eight, inserted by section one of said chapter two hundred and seventy-nine, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "manslaughter" in the second line the words: —, or other felony made subject to sections thirty-three A to thirty-three G, inclusive, as aforesaid, —

G. L. 278, § 33B, etc., amended.