

the expenditure of money, and all inhabitants of said town so qualified who are the owners of real estate within said East Providence Fire District, and no others, shall be entitled to vote at said meetings.

Sec. 22. A vote by ballot shall be taken at said meetings upon the proposition, "Shall the East Providence Fire District be established according to the act of incorporation passed by the General Assembly?" The town clerk of East Providence shall have printed and supply to the moderators of the several voting districts a sufficient number of ballots bearing the above question, one-half of which shall have in addition the word "yes" printed thereon in large type, and the other half the word "no." Said meetings shall be kept open from ten o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night, and the ballots cast thereat shall be returned by the moderators and clerks of said districts under seal, duly certified, within twenty-four hours thereafter, to the town clerk of East Providence. Said ballots shall be counted by the town council of the town of East Providence within five days, and the result of said balloting shall be published by the town clerk in the Providence Evening Bulletin and Telegram, and shall also be posted by him in two or more public places in each of said voting districts. If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "yes," and at the first meeting of said East Providence Fire District this act of incorporation shall be by them accepted, then this act shall take effect immediately thereafter. If a majority of the persons so voting shall vote "no," or if at the first meeting of said East Providence Fire District this act of incorporation shall not be accepted, then this act shall become null and void.

Sec. 23. This act shall go into effect immediately.

AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE MANVILLE FIRE DISTRICT. Passed May 29, 1891.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION I. All that part of the village of Manville and vicinity in the town of Lincoln, beginning at the westerly line of the Providence and Worcester Railroad Company's land at the middle of the Crook-fall river; thence southerly following said westerly line of said railroad company's land until it comes to the southerly line of the Manville Company's land in the town of Lincoln; thence running westerly following the direction and with said line of said Manville Company's land to the middle of the road leading from Manville to Albion; thence southerly with the middle of said road until it comes to the southerly line of land of Sarah A. Gullett; thence westerly with land of said Gullett to land of Russell Handy and others; thence southerly with land of said Russell Handy and others to the dividing line between land of Albion Company and land of said Russell Handy and others; thence westerly with said dividing line between land of said Albion Company and land of said Russell Handy and others to the middle of the back or river road, (so called); thence southerly with the middle of said back or river road until it comes to a point opposite the dividing line between the land of the aforesaid Russell Handy and others and land of Arnold Mann; thence westerly and following the line of land of said Russell Handy and others until it comes to a large bowlder; a corner of land of the heirs of Stafford Mann; thence a north-westerly direction to the bridge across the Crook-fall river at the road leading from Providence to Worcester, near the residence of Augustus M. Aldrich; thence following said Crook-fall river to the place of beginning, is hereby incorporated into a district to be called the "Manville Fire District." Said district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other powers generally incident to corporations, and shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 152 of the Public Statutes, and all acts in amendment thereof or in addition thereto.

Sec. 2. The taxable inhabitants of said district qualified to vote in town affairs on propositions to impose taxes, or for the expenditure of money, shall be eligible to vote and act in all meetings of the corporation.

Sec. 3. The annual meeting of said corporation shall be holden on the third Tuesday of December. The first meeting shall be holden on the eleventh day in June next ensuing.

Sec. 4. Said taxable inhabitants at each annual meeting, and at any other meetings when vacancies may occur, may elect officers, to serve for one year or until the next annual meeting and others be chosen in their stead, which officers shall consist of a moderator, clerk, treasurer, three assessors, and a collector of taxes, whose duties and powers within said district shall be such as like officers of towns in this State have in their respective towns; they may also elect firewards, and any other needed officers and committees, with such powers as they may designate.

Sec. 5. Said taxable inhabitants, at any of their legal meetings, and by giving at least fourteen days notice by posting up notices in not less than five public places in said district, and specifying in said notice the intention so to do, shall have power to order such taxes, and provide for the assessing and collecting the same, on the taxable inhabitants and property in said district as they shall deem necessary and proper in purchasing and procuring implements and apparatus for the extinguishment of fire and for other necessary expenses. But no tax or taxes shall be ordered or assessed on the taxable inhabitants of said district, or on the taxable property therein, to exceed thirty cents on each one hundred dollars of said taxable property in any one year, or in any period of twelve months time. And such taxes so ordered shall be assessed by the assessors of said district on the taxable inhabitants and property therein according to the last valuation made by the assessors of the town next previous to said assessment, adding, however, any taxable property which may have been omitted by said town assessors or afterwards

acquired. And in the assessing and collecting of said taxes, such proceedings shall be had by the officers of said district, as near as may be had by the corresponding officers of towns in assessing and collecting town taxes other than is hereinbefore provided.

Sec. 6. Said taxable inhabitants, at any legal meeting, shall have the power to enact by laws prescribing the duties of firewards and of the inhabitants of said district in time of conflagration, and for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the commands of the firewards, for suppressing disorder and tumult, guarding or removing property, or rendering other service in time of fire. And also for the protection of water pipes and hydrants, safety-valves, water gates, hose, or other apparatus or property of said district. And for breach of any such by-laws may provide a penalty not exceeding a fine of twenty dollars to be recovered for the use of said district, or imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, which penalty may be enforced by prosecution and complaint of any member of said board of firewards before the District Court exercising jurisdiction over the Eleventh Judicial District.

Sec. 7. The firewards appointed by said district may order in time of fire such buildings to be pulled down or blown up as they shall judge necessary to stop the progress of the fire. And if it shall happen that the pulling down or blowing up of any such buildings by direction as aforesaid shall be the occasion of stopping the progress of such fire, or if the fire stop before it come to the same, the owner shall be reasonably paid by a tax upon said district, the amount of which tax shall be adjudged by the Court of Common Pleas for the County of Providence, which Court is hereby authorized and empowered on application to them made in behalf of such owners, with or without jury trial as such owners may request, to adjudge as to the amount necessary, and cause the same to be certified to the district, and such tax shall be assessed and collected as other taxes are herein required to be assessed and collected in said district. But no building in which any

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fire shall first break out or begin shall be paid for under this provision.

Sec. 8. Said taxable inhabitants, at any annual meeting shall have power to choose and appoint so many men as they may think needful to be formed into a hose company or companies, also a hook and ladder company, and to make all such laws and regulations for organizing and establishing the same as they shall see fit. And such companies shall be subject to the provisions contained in Chapters 152 and 200 of the Public Statutes, and all acts in amendment thereof, and to the exemptions, privileges, and remedies therein provided.

Sec. 9. Said corporation may hold special meetings, which, as well as the annual meetings, shall be notified in such manner as they shall prescribe, (except as hereinbefore provided). And it shall be the duty of the clerk to call a special meeting upon written application, signed by twelve or more such inhabitants, and the subject to be acted upon shall be clearly set forth in the notice.

Sec. 10. Such district may enact all by-laws by them judged necessary and expedient for carrying the provisions of this act into effect: *Provided*, that no greater penalty be inflicted thereby than is prescribed in the sixth section hereof, and provided the same be not in violation of or repugnant to the laws of the state.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect from and after its passage. And all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF AND IN ADDITION TO AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE PASCOAG FIRE DISTRICT," PASSED AT THE MAY SESSION, A. D. 1887, AND OF THE SEVERAL ACTS IN AMENDMENT THEREOF.

*It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:*

SECTION 1. Section 1 of said act is amended so as to read as follows:

"SECTION 1. All that part of the town of Burrillville commencing at the first culvert below the depot on the Providence and Springfield Railroad, thence southerly to the south-west corner of the estate of Laurie and Frank Sayles, thence westerly to the south-east corner of William Hamner's barn, thence westerly to the south-east corner of the most southerly house in 'Reservoir City,' so called, thence westerly to the reservoir, thence northerly to the foot of the hill west of Michael H. Lacy's estate, thence north-westerly to the south-east corner of Hiram Ross's barn at Laurel Hill, thence north-easterly to the south-west corner of the school house at Laurel Hill, thence south-easterly to the south-west corner of the Carver Hopkins barn, thence easterly to the second bridge on the new road east of James (). Inman mill estate, thence south-easterly to the north-east corner of the last house on the burying ground hill, owned by Francis S. Sprague and wife, thence southerly to the first mentioned bound, is hereby incorporated into a district to be called 'The Pascoag Fire District.' Said district may have a common seal, sue and be sued, and enjoy the other powers generally incident to corporations, and shall be subject to the provisions of Chapter 152 and Chapter 155 of the Public Statutes, and all acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto."

Sec. 2. Section 16 of said act is amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 16. Said district may furnish and distribute water and light throughout the district, or beyond the same, in the town of Burrillville, or authorize the same to be done, regulate the use thereof and the price

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