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and burgesses unless the same shall be approved by vote of the borough. The warden and burgesses shall not, in any year, make contracts or incur obligations which shall, in the aggregate, amount to more than the sum of five hundred dollars, repairs on highways excepted, unless the same shall be authorized by vote of the borough; nor shall the warden and burgesses borrow money or make loans without such authority. The board of water commissioners shall make no contract for any permanent improvement involving a cost to the borough exceeding the sum of five hundred dollars unless such contract is authorized by vote of the borough.

SEC. 2. The treasurer of the board of water commissioners of said borough shall give a bond to the borough, with proper sureties thereon, in a sum of not less than five thousand dollars or more than ten thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of his duty.

Approved, May 10, 1915.

[Substitute for House Bill No. 4.]

[254.]

AN ACT INCORPORATING THE WINDSOR FIRE DISTRICT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

SECTION 1. All the electors of the state, inhabitants of the town of Windsor, and residing within the following limits: Beginning in the center of the Farmington river opposite a blazed twelve-inch ash tree standing on the west bank on land of the Winpoq Fish and Game Club, thence in a straight line south $58^{\circ} 30'$ west passing through a point nine feet northerly from the center of said tree and also through a point one hundred sixty-four feet southerly measured at the river from the northerly boundary of land of said Winpoq club, about seventeen hundred feet to a point in the west fence line of Poquonock avenue sixty-five feet southerly, measured in said fence line, from the dividing line between land of Strong H. Barber and land formerly of Henry D. Whitney, thence $18^{\circ} 53'$ west about twenty-eight hundred forty feet to a point in the north fence line of Bloomfield avenue one hundred eighty feet westerly, measured in said fence line, from the east fence line of Mack road, thence south $3^{\circ} 3'$ west about twenty-five hundred ten feet to a point in the south fence line of Capen street one hundred one and seven-tenths feet westerly, measured in said fence line, from the division fence between land of Thomas Mullaley and land of Lawrence Mullaley, thence south $30^{\circ} 50'$ east passing through a property corner of land of W. Earl Harvey, Lawrence Mullaley and land now or formerly of the Remington estate about fourteen hundred sixty-five feet to a point in the west fence line of Hartford road one hundred

twenty-six and three-tenths feet northerly, measured in said fence line, from the dividing line between land of G. F. Wilbraham and land now or formerly of the Remington estate, thence south $64^{\circ} 52'$ east passing through a point in the east fence line of the "Island Way" fifty-three and four-tenths feet southerly, measured in said fence line, from the dividing line between land now or formerly of John Maher and land now or formerly of Charles Stermer about forty-two hundred sixty feet to the center of the Farmington river, thence northerly and westerly following center line of said river to the place of beginning, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate in fact and in law by the name of The Windsor Fire District, instead of The Windsor Sewer District as at present named and organized, and by the name of The Windsor Fire District they and their successors shall have perpetual succession, and shall be a person in law capable of suing and being sued, pleading and being impleaded, in all suits; also of purchasing, holding, and conveying any estate, real and personal; and may have and change a common seal; and its officers, elective and appointive, shall be governed and controlled by the recall, the provisions of such recall to be prescribed by the by-laws and regulations as imposed by the voters in district meeting assembled; and may make, amend, or repeal by-laws concerning any of the powers hereinafter granted, and may provide for the imposing of penalties for failure to comply with such by-laws; and at any meeting warned and held for such purposes may amend or repeal any by-law, rule, or regulation, or change any act or appointment made by the commissioners of said district under the powers hereinafter granted.

SEC. 2. All property, both real and personal, and all rights of action and other rights, with all securities and liens belonging to or vested in said The Windsor Sewer District, are hereby transferred to said The Windsor Fire District, and said The Windsor Fire District is hereby made liable for all debts and obligations of said The Windsor Sewer District.

SEC. 3. All the electors aforesaid residing within said limits at the time of the passage of this act shall be freemen of said district, and every elector of the town of Windsor who shall have continuously resided within the limits of said district for six months shall thereafter, while such residence continues, and while his name is registered on the list of voters of said town, be entitled to vote at all meetings of said district. The clerk of said district or, in his absence, the clerk pro tempore, shall procure from the registrars of voters of said town, within one week before any meeting of the voters of the district for the election of officers, a certified list of the electors within the district at the last preceding electors' meeting in said town, which list may be used as a check list at such meeting, and it shall be the duty of the registrars of voters of said town to furnish such list when required as aforesaid. No person shall vote at any such meeting unless his name shall

be on such list. If such list cannot be procured, the list used at the last meeting of the voters of the district for the election of officers shall, within one week before any meeting of the voters of the district which shall be held for the election of officers, be revised by the clerk or, in his absence, by the clerk pro tempore, and such list shall be used at such meeting.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of said district shall be held on the first Tuesday of June. At the annual meeting of the voters of said district to be held on the first Tuesday of June, 1915, or at any adjournment thereof, said voters shall elect from their number, by a plurality of ballots, six commissioners, two to hold office for one year and until their successors are chosen and qualified, two to hold office for two years and until their successors are chosen and qualified, and two to hold office for three years and until their successors are chosen and qualified; and annually thereafter said voters shall elect two commissioners, from among their number, to hold office for three years and until their successors are chosen and qualified. Such board of commissioners shall have general oversight of the affairs of said district, except as herein otherwise provided. At the annual meeting to be held on the first Tuesday of June, 1915, and annually thereafter, said voters shall elect a clerk, a treasurer, a collector of taxes, and two auditors, each to hold office for one year and until his successor is chosen and qualified, provided any officer of the district shall, upon removal of his residence from said district, cease to hold such office. The present district committee of The Windsor Sewer District shall be the board of commissioners of said district, and the present clerk, treasurer, collector of taxes, and auditors of said The Windsor Sewer District shall be, respectively, the clerk, treasurer, collector of taxes, and auditors of said district until the election of officers of said district at its annual meeting on the first Tuesday of June, 1915, or at any adjournment thereof. In case any vacancy shall occur in any of said offices by death, resignation, or otherwise, said board may appoint, to fill the same, some suitable person who shall qualify and hold office until the next annual meeting of the district. The authority administering the oath to any such officer shall make and duly attest a certificate of the fact, and record the same to be delivered to the clerk of the district, who shall cause the same upon the records thereof, and a copy of such certificate, duly attested by the clerk of said district, shall be prima facie evidence that such officer has duly accepted such office and qualified therefor, and shall be, for such purpose, admissible in any court in this state. Notice of the annual meeting shall be signed by a majority of said board and shall designate the time and place of such meeting and the officers to be elected thereat, and such notice shall be posted on the public signpost in said district and published at least once in some newspaper having a circulation therein, at least five days before the date of holding of such meeting. All officers shall be sworn

to faithfully perform the duties of their several offices. The compensation of any person holding office in said district shall not be increased or diminished during his term of office.

SEC. 5. At all meetings of the voters of said district, held for the election of officers, the voting shall be by ballot and check list, and the casting and counting of such ballots and the checking and challenging of voters shall be regulated in the manner provided in the by-laws of said district. The time for the transaction of business, other than the election of officers, at meetings of the voters of said district shall be fixed by said board. Special meetings of the voters of said district may be called at any time by a majority of said board, and upon the written petition of ten or more legal voters for a special meeting of said district, stating the objects thereof, said board shall call such special meeting to be held within ten days after receiving such petition. Notice of the time, place, and objects of such special meeting shall be given in the same manner as in the case of annual meetings. When one-quarter of the legal voters present at any meeting of said district shall request that any vote pending upon any question before such meeting shall be taken by ballot and check list of the legal voters of said district, the chairman of such meeting shall cause such vote to be so taken.

SEC. 6. Said district may, at any meeting duly warned for such purpose, lay taxes to meet authorized expenditures, and fix the time when the same shall be due and payable. If any such tax shall remain unpaid for one month after the same shall become due and payable, interest at the rate of nine per centum per annum shall be charged from the time when such tax becomes due until the same is paid, which shall be collectible as a part of such tax. Said board shall annually make or cause to be made, from the last completed abstract and grand list of the town of Windsor, a list for said district of all the polls and ratable estates within the limits of said district, for the purpose of taxation. Such list shall be based upon the last perfected grand list of said town, and shall include penalties for neglect to return a list, and all polls shall be set in such list at one hundred dollars. All real estate in said district transferred after the completion of the town list and before the completion of the district list shall be set in the name of the owner at the time of the making of the district list; said board shall add to the valuation of any real estate the value of new buildings thereon erected after the making of, but not included in, the town list, and may deduct the value of buildings removed or destroyed after the making of the town list. Said board shall add to the district list any property, within said district, liable to taxation, which was omitted from the town list, and the proportionate value of any real estate which is only in part situated within the limits of said district shall be determined by said board and set in the district list. Before perfecting such list, said board shall give notice of a public meeting to hear any person interested in such district list, by posting a copy of such notice on the

signpost in said district at least seven days prior to such meeting. Said board shall appoint, from the members thereof, a subcommittee consisting of two persons, neither of whom shall have been actively engaged in or directed the preparation of the district assessment list, who shall constitute a board of relief; and such board of relief, at the end of fifteen days after said assessment list shall have been lodged in the office of the town clerk as hereinafter provided, shall, after having given at least five days' notice thereof, by posting the same on the signpost in said district, hold a meeting, and shall have the same authority and proceed in the same manner as boards of relief of towns. Such list, when so perfected, shall be lodged in the office of the town clerk of said town, and all taxes shall be laid thereon. Any clerical error or other omission or mistake in the assessment of taxes may be, at any time, corrected according to the fact by the board of commissioners, and the tax shall be levied and collected according to such corrected assessment.

SEC. 7. Said board of commissioners shall hold its first regular meeting in each year at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening of the next Thursday following the annual meeting, and thereafter on the first Thursday of every month succeeding at half-past seven o'clock in the evening, or at such hour as the board may designate, and such regular meeting may be adjourned from time to time as said board may order. Said board may hold special meetings at such other times as it may deem best. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum at any meeting. Said board shall elect a presiding officer who shall be the chairman of the board of commissioners, and in case of his absence or inability to act may appoint a presiding officer pro tempore.

SEC. 8. The clerk of the district shall be the clerk of said board, and shall act as such at all meetings of the voters of the district, and at all meetings of said board, except as herein otherwise provided. He shall keep records of such meetings and shall be custodian of the books, papers, and documents belonging to said district and to said board, except such books and documents as the treasurer shall be required to keep. He shall draw orders on the treasurer for such payments of money as shall be authorized by said board or by the voters of the district at any legal meeting, which orders shall be countersigned by the chairman of said board. He shall cause the by-laws of said district to be published as herein provided, and shall enter upon the records a certificate of the fact of such publication. The clerk shall also serve notices which may be required by said board, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon him under the provisions of this act or as shall appertain to his office. The records of said district shall have the same validity as records of town clerks, and copies thereof, certified under the hand of the clerk of said district, with the seal thereof affixed, shall be received in all courts as evidence in the same manner as the original would be received. Said board may at any time appoint an assistant clerk, who, having been duly qualified, shall,

in the absence or inability of the clerk, perform the duties of the clerk, and all records and acts of such assistant clerk shall have the same validity as the records and acts of the district clerk.

SEC. 9. The treasurer shall receive all moneys accruing to the district from taxes, fines, debts, or otherwise, and pay the same on the orders of the clerk or assistant clerk, countersigned by the chairman of said board and he shall perform the same duties and exercise the same relative authority as town treasurers in their respective towns, and shall be accountable to the district.

SEC. 10. The tax collector shall have the same powers as town tax collectors, and shall be accountable to said board in the same manner as town tax collectors are accountable to selectmen, and shall pay the taxes when collected or within such time as said board may prescribe, to the treasurer, with a complete list of the names of the persons from whom such moneys were collected, stating therein the amount of principal and interest paid by each person named in such list, and the time of such payment, which list shall be preserved by the treasurer.

SEC. 11. The auditor shall annually examine the accounts of all the officers of the district and report in writing to the annual meeting.

SEC. 12. All officers or agents of the district, except the members of said board, shall give bonds, with surety, to said district, at the expense of said district, in such sum as said district may prescribe, and to the acceptance of said board, conditioned for the faithful performance of their respective duties.

SEC. 13. Said district shall have supervision of the fire department in the same, and shall have authority to provide and maintain suitable fire apparatus, and to provide hydrants at such points in said district as it may deem expedient; said board shall make and cause to be executed by-laws, rules, and regulations for the government of the fire department, or of any fire company or any person in the fire department, and shall appoint the chief and assistant chiefs of the fire department of said district and fill any vacancy that may at any time occur in the membership of any fire company. Said district may provide for the care and protection of the shade trees within the public highways and public grounds, and for the care and maintenance of the public parks, in said district, and said district may lay out and improve any lands belonging to it, not located in any incorporated city, for a public square, common, or park, and may purchase any land within its limits for such purpose, and if said district shall vote to acquire any tract of land within its limits for such purpose and shall be unable to obtain such land by agreement with the owner thereof, it may take the same for such purpose in the manner provided in sections 4109 and 4110 of the general statutes for the taking of land for a townhouse or hall, provided no land occupied for church or cemetery purposes shall be taken under the provisions of this act, and may provide by contract for the lighting of the streets and public places in said district.

SEC. 14. Said district is hereby given authority to purchase, construct, establish, or otherwise provide and maintain a plant or plants for the purpose of supplying said district with a suitable supply of pure water for fire, sewage, public, domestic, mechanical, and for other purposes for which it may be desirable for said district or the residents thereof to use water, and to lay, maintain, and repair pipes and conduits in any highway and public and private places and grounds, which plant may include suitable lands, constructions, easements, privileges, tools, machinery, pipes, conduits, and other apparatus and appliances, and said district is hereby given power to construct, repair, and maintain a reservoir or reservoirs, plant, and apparatus within the town of Windsor for such purposes, and may take, lease, and use the water of any spring, stream, watershed, or drainage area therein, not already occupied and used for the purpose of public water supply; and said district may construct, repair, and maintain canals and aqueducts and overflow lands for the retention and conveyance of water to supply said district, and may retain, maintain, lease, and convey the same, and also take, lease, and hold, by purchase or gift, any real estate, personal property, or easements incident to the purposes of this section, and for storing, conducting, and distributing water, and for constructions incident to the supplying of said district and the inhabitants thereof with pure water, and for preserving such lands and water for the use of such plant, free from contamination, drains, and sewers. Said district may make use of the ground or soil under any road, railway, railroad, highway, street, private way, lane, or alley for the purpose of constructing its water works or laying its pipes, conduits, and apparatus, but shall cause the surface of such road, railway, railroad, highway, street, private way, lane, or alley to be restored to its usual condition, all damages thereto to be repaired, and all damages sustained by any person or corporation in consequence of the interruption of travel thereby to be paid to such person or corporation. Should said district take by purchase or otherwise the plant, property, and franchises of The Windsor Water Company, said district shall thereupon have all rights and authority as was conferred upon said The Windsor Water Company by the provisions of its charter, approved July 20, 1871, and amendments thereto, in addition to the authority conferred by the provisions of this section. Said district by its board of commissioners is hereby authorized to enter upon any land or water for the purpose of making surveys, and to agree with the owner of any property or franchises which may be incident to the purposes of this section upon the amount of compensation to be paid to such owner or owners for the same, and in case of disagreement between said district acting through its commissioners, and any owner upon such compensation or as to the amount of damages which ought to be awarded to any person claiming to be injured in his estate by the doings of said district in the establishment and maintenance of its water supply system, or in case

any such owner shall be an infant, or a married woman, or insane, or the owner of a contingent or uncertain interest, any judge of the superior court may, on the application of either party, cause such notice to be given of such application as such judge shall prescribe, and after proof of such notice and after hearing, may appoint three disinterested persons to examine any such property which is to be taken or damaged by said district in the establishment of its water supply system, and such persons, being duly sworn to a faithful performance of their duty, shall, after reasonable notice to and hearing of the parties, estimate the amount of compensation which such owner is to receive, and report the same in writing to the clerk of the superior court for Hartford county, to be by him recorded. Such judge may thereupon confirm the doings of said appraisers and direct said district to pay the sum appraised, in such manner as such judge may prescribe, in compensation for the property acquired or the injury done by said district; and upon compliance with the order of such judge, said district may construct its works, without liability to any further claim for compensation or damages, and shall control, own, and hold, exclusively, the property so taken for the purposes set forth in this section. In the exercise of the authority conferred under the provisions of this section said district may purchase the plant, privileges, and franchises, and all rights and titles connected therewith of The Windsor Water Company, and said The Windsor Water Company is authorized to sell to said The Windsor Fire District all its plant, privileges, and franchises and all rights and titles connected therewith, whereupon said The Windsor Fire District shall have the exclusive right to furnish water in said town. If said district under the provisions of this section shall purchase the plant, property, and franchises of The Windsor Water Company, said company may thereafter exist only for the purpose of winding up its affairs under the provisions of the general statutes relating to the dissolution and winding up of corporations, and shall continue to exercise corporate powers to collect and pay its debts and close up its affairs and distribute its assets among its stockholders.

SEC. 15. Said district, or in the absence of any vote to the contrary, the board of commissioners of said district, shall have exclusive management of any system of water works it may acquire, and of laying, repairing, cleaning, and caring for pipes, aqueducts, reservoirs, dams, hydrants, water tanks, fountains, and all things connected therewith, and the establishment of water rents, or scales of prices or terms upon which water shall be furnished, and the changing thereof, and to regulate the time of payment, which prices, rents, or terms, when so established, shall not be reduced below a reasonable compensation for the use of water, and may require additional rent for the use of water when a quantity shall be used exceeding the quantity estimated for the same class of buildings, establishments, or trades in the scale of prices by it adopted, and said board shall make no contract for the

use of water for a period longer than one year, except by vote of the district. Said board shall keep a register of all persons who use the water, and of the prices by them payable therefor, which shall at all reasonable times be open to the inspection of the inhabitants of said district; and shall make or cause to be made bills for water rents and deliver the same to the collector. Said board shall have power to make and amend rules and regulations concerning the use and taking of water, and the repairs or placing of the service pipe from the water main to the highway or street line of abutting property. Said board shall annually appoint some suitable person or persons to collect the rents, dues, and charges for water, whose duties shall be regulated and prescribed by said board. If any rent or charge for water shall remain unpaid for six months after the same shall become due and payable, interest at the rate of nine per centum shall be charged from the time when such rent or charge becomes due and payable until the same be paid or a lien therefor be filed, which shall be collectible as a part of such rent or charge. Any claim of said district for the use of water shall be a lien upon the house, tenement, and lot in connection with which such water was used by the owner or occupant thereof, and shall be fixed, in the same manner and bear interest, and may be foreclosed as hereinafter provided for sewer liens.

SEC. 16. Said district is authorized to purchase water from or sell water to the board of water commissioners of the city of Hartford or to any other city, town, or duly incorporated water company, and to enter into contracts therefor or for any purpose of this act, and the board of water commissioners of the city of Hartford or the proper officer or officers of any other city, town, or duly incorporated water company, are authorized to sell water to said The Windsor Fire District for the foregoing purposes, the same to be supplied in the town of Windsor through mains and pipes to be constructed and maintained by said The Windsor Fire District.

SEC. 17. Said district shall have police jurisdiction, in addition to the jurisdiction conferred by law, over land or buildings within the watershed from which it may derive its water supply. Any person who shall maliciously or wilfully violate the provisions of any by-law established by said district or board of commissioners relating to its system of water works or its property within the area of its watershed, or shall divert or corrupt the water collected or conducted in or to any reservoir, cistern, hydrant, conductor, engine, pipe, or any portion of the water works of said district, or destroy or injure any work, machinery, materials, or property erected, constructed, used, or designated to be used within said district, or elsewhere, or in connection with its water works for the purpose of procuring or keeping a supply of water, shall pay to said district treble damages in any proper action brought by said district, and said person may also be prosecuted criminally for such offense before any justice of the peace or court having jurisdiction, and,

on conviction thereof, shall be fined not exceeding two hundred dollars, or imprisoned in the county jail not exceeding six months, or both.

SEC. 18. Said board, when authorized by said district, shall, by itself or by a committee by it appointed, or by agent, purchase and supply all pipes, conduits, connections, fixtures, and other accessories and equipment or materials necessary for use in its water works system.

SEC. 19. Said board may appoint superintendents of the various public works and departments of the government of said district, and such superintendents shall hold their respective offices under control of said board, and shall perform such duties in connection therewith as may from time to time be designated by said board.

SEC. 20. Said district shall have control of the sanitation and sewerage therein, may dispose of the sewage and garbage, by draining, cremation, filtration, precipitation, or other approved plan, or by any or all of such plans, and may lay out, construct, and maintain sewers and drains along and through the streets and highways and through public and private grounds in said district, from any point in said district to any suitable outfall within or without the district, and for such purpose may take and use any land, street, or highway, or private property, either within or without the territorial limits of said district, in the manner hereinafter provided. If said district, or a committee by it appointed is unable to agree with any person, whose land or property is taken or affected in accordance with any plan adopted by said district, as to the amount of damages to be paid to such person, said district, by its board of commissioners, shall assess the expense of the construction of such sewers and drains, or so much thereof as said district shall not charge itself with, upon the property abutting upon the streets and highways through which such sewers are laid within the district and which may be in any way benefited or improved thereby, and in proportion to the benefits by such property received therefrom; and the sums so assessed shall be a lien upon such property, taking precedence of all other liens or incumbrances except taxes due to the state and town, and such lien shall be liable to foreclosure in the same manner as if the lien were a mortgage on such property in favor of said district to secure the amount of such assessments, and a certificate of such lien describing the property on which the same exists and the amount thereof, shall be filed with the town clerk of the town wherein such lien accrues and such liens shall bear interest at the rate of seven per centum per annum until paid. Such certificates shall be recorded by the town clerk in a book kept for such purpose; but no such lien shall attach unless such certificate, signed by a majority of said board describing the property on which the lien exists and the amount to be claimed by said district as a lien thereon shall be filed with said town clerk within one year after the assessment shall have become payable. Said district may charge itself such proportion of the expense of laying any sewer or drain as it may deem reasonable. Said district, by its board of commissioners, may also estimate the damage arising to any

person not benefited thereby, or whose land may be taken or used in any manner in the construction of any such sewer or drain, and award to such person the amount of such damages, which amount shall be paid to such person before the construction of such sewer or drain, or before any use shall be made of such land, or, upon his refusal to receive the same or in case of his absence from said district, such amount shall be paid to the treasurer of the district, who is hereby directed to receive and hold the same subject to the order of the person or persons for whose benefit said district shall have made such payment. If any person shall be aggrieved by the action of said board in assessing benefits or damages as hereinbefore provided, such person may, within thirty days after notice of the same, as herein provided, petition any judge of the superior court for a review of such assessment or estimate of damages, and, upon such notice to said district as such judge may prescribe, such judge shall, after hearing, appoint three disinterested freeholders of Hartford county, not residents of said town of Windsor, to review such assessment or estimate so far as the same relates to such person claiming to be aggrieved. Such freeholders, so appointed, shall give reasonable notice to all persons interested, to appear and be heard before them at such time and place as they may fix, and shall make such assessment of benefits or estimate of damages in the premises as shall seem just, and make return of the same under oath to such judge. Such judge may accept such report or may set the same aside and appoint other persons qualified in the same manner to perform such duty. If, upon the acceptance of any such report, it shall appear that the amount of damages has been increased, or the assessment of benefits decreased, in favor of the applicant, the cost of such application and review shall be paid by the district, otherwise by the applicant, and such judge shall have power to issue execution for the amount of such costs. The report of the freeholders accepted by such judge shall be filed with the clerk of said district and entered upon its records. All notices by the district or said board shall be in writing, signed by the clerk of said district, and may be served by being deposited in the postoffice in said district, postage prepaid, directed to the person or persons interested, at their usual postoffice address. Notice of meetings and of the rules and regulations of said district shall be given by posting the same on the public signpost in said district and by publication of the same, at least once, in some newspaper having a circulation therein, both at least five days before the holding of such meeting or before such rules and regulations shall take effect.

SEC. 21. Said district shall have authority to lay out and construct walks and curbing on any street, and said board may construct or cause to be constructed such walks or curbing at the expense of the district. Said district may, at its expense, sprinkle or oil any street or streets therein and by its board of commissioners assess the cost thereof, in part or in whole upon the property abutting upon such streets,

and such cost shall be a lien upon such property, and shall be fixed and bear interest and may be foreclosed as hereinbefore provided for sewer liens, and such assessments shall be subject to right of appeal as hereinbefore provided concerning appeals from sewer assessments.

SEC. 22. Said board is authorized to make by-laws with reference to sidewalks, crosswalks, foot paths, and curb lines in the streets of the district, but not for the construction and repairs of the highways over which construction and repair the district as such shall have no jurisdiction, and from time to time, to designate, establish, or alter the course, grade, and level of such walks, foot paths, and curb lines in said district. Said board may require the owner of any land or building fronting upon any street or highway in said district to repair any sidewalk or curb fronting on such land according to the width, height, and grade designated as aforesaid, when repairs shall, in the opinion of said board, be necessary, within such time and in such manner as said board may direct, and in accordance with such by-laws. When said board shall have laid out and required the repair of walks and curbing on any street and any adjoining proprietor shall fail to repair the same in the manner and within the time required, the board of commissioners may repair such walks or curbing at the expense of the district, and may assess the cost of the same in part or in whole upon the adjoining property, and such assessment shall be a lien upon such property, and shall be fixed and bear interest and may be foreclosed as hereinbefore provided for sewer liens, and such assessment shall be subject to the same right of appeal as hereinbefore provided concerning appeals from sewer assessments. Said board, after public hearing, notice of which shall have been given by publication in some newspaper having a circulation in said district, at least five days before the holding of the same, is authorized to establish building lines, and to assess the damages and benefits occasioned thereby to the persons injured or upon the persons benefited, and such assessment shall be a lien upon such property and shall be fixed and bear interest, and may be foreclosed as hereinbefore provided as to sewer liens, and such assessment shall be subject to appeal as hereinbefore provided for the foreclosure of sewer assessments. Said commissioners may make by-laws requiring the removal of ice and snow from the sidewalks, or any part thereof, may provide for the removal of such ice and snow at the expense of said district, and may assess the cost of such removal upon the property abutting upon the sidewalks from which such ice and snow is removed, and the district shall have a lien upon the property abutting upon such sidewalks for the cost of the removal of such ice and snow, which lien shall be fixed and bear interest, and may be foreclosed, as is hereinbefore provided as to sewer liens. Such assessments shall be subject to the right of appeal as hereinbefore provided as to sewer assessments. Said commissioners may make by-laws relating to the removal of rubbish, ashes, garbage, and other obstructions and encumbrances from

said highways. Said commissioners may make by-laws, rules, and regulations regarding the numbering of residences and other buildings in said district, and regarding buildings to be erected in said district and the removal or relocation of buildings in said district, and providing for the issuance of permits therefor, and, in connection with the sanitation of said district, may prescribe rules and regulations for the government of plumbers. Said commissioners may order, appoint, discharge, and remove policemen and patrolmen for said district and fix their compensation and duties, and may prescribe rules and regulations for the organization and government of the police department. Such policemen or patrolmen shall, within said town, have the authority of constables concerning the service of criminal process and the suppression of crime.

SEC. 23. Said commissioners may make by-laws relating to carrying on the business or work of rag pickers, hucksters, or peddlers, and may prescribe fees and licenses therefor. Said district shall have authority to make, alter, repeal, and enforce by-laws, orders, and enactments for the management of the finances and property, real and personal, of said district; to regulate the sale, conveyance, and transfer of such property; to regulate the mode of assessment and collection of taxes for district purposes; to provide for the execution of district contracts, deeds, grants, and releases of district property, and evidences of indebtedness issued by said district; and to provide the method of keeping the accounts of said district and of adjusting claims against the same; to punish the resistance, hindrance, obstruction, or abuse of officers of said district in the discharge of their duties; to prevent and summarily abate nuisances; to sprinkle or oil streets; and, in conjunction with the health officer, to regulate and prevent the location, construction, and use of sinks, cesspools, pigpens, drains, sewers, privies, filth, and rubbish in said district and to abate the same, to compel property owners to connect with public sewers, to compel the removal from any place in said district of nuisances injurious to health or offensive or annoying to the public, at the expense of the owner of the premises whereon any such nuisance exists; to provide a public seal, and to prescribe the amount of bonds to be given by the officers of said district. Said district may prescribe fines and penalties, not exceeding one hundred dollars, for violation of the provisions of any such by-laws, orders, or enactments, and the penalties imposed may be recovered, for the use of the district, in any proper action brought for such purpose, in the name of the district, before any court having jurisdiction; and the violation of any provision of any such by-law, order, or enactment imposing a fine may be prosecuted as are criminal cases in said town of Windsor. No such by-law or ordinance shall take effect until ten days after its passage nor until the same has been posted on the public signpost in said district and published, at least once, in some newspaper having a circulation therein, both at least five days before the

expiration of said time. A certificate of the clerk of said district of the due posting and publishing of any by-law or ordinance shall be prima facie evidence of such posting and publishing.

SEC. 24. Said district may supervise and investigate all departments, officers, and employees of the government of said district, and inquire into any charges preferred against any of the officers thereof, and may, for cause, remove, or suspend any of such officers, and shall have right of access to all records thereto pertaining and power to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books and papers and other evidence of any meeting of the district or of any committee thereof.

SEC. 25. Said board and the treasurer of the district shall keep a record of their official proceedings in reference to all public works, and render a report of their doings, including an account of the receipts and expenditures in the various departments of the government, with a statement and list of its liabilities and assets, to the voters at the annual meeting of the district and at such other times as said district may require.

SEC. 26. For the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, said board, when authorized by vote of said district, may borrow money from time to time to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate three hundred thousand dollars, and may give its notes, scrip, or such other evidence of indebtedness signed by the chairman of said board, or by a majority of said commissioners, countersigned by the treasurer of said district, and attested by the clerk under the seal of said district, as to said board shall seem expedient; and when said district shall make appropriations or incur debts exceeding ten thousand dollars, it may issue bonds, either registered or with coupons attached, or other obligations, payable at such times and at such annual rate of interest not exceeding six per centum, payable annually or semi-annually, as said district may prescribe, and said board shall be the trustee of the notes, scrip, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness issued by said district, and shall superintend the issuing of the same, and prescribe the form thereof, and after the same or any part thereof shall be issued, it may sell the same in such manner and on such terms as said district may direct, provided said board may pledge the credit of the district for any money borrowed by said district to be used in the construction of any of such public works, and shall keep a record of such notes, scrip, bonds, or other evidence of indebtedness disposed of or pledged; and when said district shall have issued any bonds or other obligations by authority hereof and shall desire to redeem them by issue of new bonds or other obligations, it shall have the power to do so and such bonds may be purchased by any savings bank in this state. Said district may establish and maintain sinking funds for the redemption or purchase of such bonds, which shall be used solely for such purpose. All moneys received by said board shall, by it or the clerk of said

board, be paid to the treasurer of said district. When said district shall issue bonds for the purpose of defraying the cost of constructing or purchasing or otherwise establishing its water plant and system or for defraying the cost of enlarging or extending such water plant and system, and for the purpose of defraying the other costs and expenses of said district, such bonds shall be denominated, respectively, "Windsor Fire District Water Fund," and "Windsor Fire District General Fund," each of such funds to be kept separate, provided said district may establish such other funds from time to time as may be deemed advisable.

SEC. 27. This act shall not take effect until it has been accepted by the legal voters of The Windsor Sewer District present and voting at a meeting to be held at least eight days before the first Tuesday of June, 1915, and specially warned by the district committee of said The Windsor Sewer District for the purpose of voting upon the acceptance of this act, in the manner provided in section four, for the warning of annual meetings, at which meeting the vote shall be taken by ballot. Those voters who are in favor of approving this act shall give in their ballots with the words "Windsor Fire District, Yes" written or printed thereon, and those opposed shall give in their ballots with the words "Windsor Fire District, No" written or printed thereon. If a majority of the ballots cast at such meeting shall bear the words "Windsor Fire District, Yes" written or printed thereon, this act shall take effect, and a certificate of the approval hereof, signed by the clerk of said district, shall be transmitted to the secretary of the state who shall record the same.

Approved, May 12, 1915.

[Substitute for House Bill No. 7.]

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BRISTOL TO CUT AND SELL ICE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

SECTION 1. The city of Bristol is hereby authorized to manufacture, cut, harvest, and use ice formed upon the water of any stream, lake, or pond which the city of Bristol, acting through its board of water commissioners, has, or may acquire the right to use for such purpose; and to hold, store, furnish, and sell such ice to any person or persons or corporation within the territorial limits of the city of Bristol upon such terms and conditions as shall be determined by the board of water commissioners of said city, and to do all things necessary in connection with the conduct of such business.

SEC. 2. This amendment shall not be operative until the same