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OF THE
STATE OF MISSOURI,

PASSED AT THE
ADJOURNED SESSION

OF THE
TWENTY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEGUN AND HELD AT
THE CITY OF JEFFERSON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 7, 1868.

BY AUTHORITY.



JEFFERSON CITY:
ELLWOOD KIRBY, PUBLIC PRINTER.
1868.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The mayor and comptroller of the city of St. Louis are hereby authorized and directed to issue and deliver to the board of improvements of Lafayette park, in said city, one hundred and forty-three St. Louis city bonds, of the denomination of five hundred dollars each, bearing six per cent. interest, payable semi-annually, in the city of St. Louis, which said bonds shall be denominated Lafayette park bonds, and dated on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and shall be made to mature as follows: Fifteen of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1869; fifteen of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1870; sixteen of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1871; seventeen of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1872; eighteen of them on the first day of July, 1873; twenty of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1874; twenty of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1875; twenty-two of them on the first day of July, A. D. 1876; provided, that none of the above described bonds shall be sold for less than par.

SEC 2. The board of improvements of said park shall expend the proceeds of said bonds: first, in the erection of a substantial iron fence, with suitable gateways, around said park, and the residue shall be expended in the improvements, ornamentation, and keeping in order of said park, and, whenever practicable, all materials furnished or work to be done, shall be let out as provided by existing ordinance of said city, and the said board of improvements shall annually make a full report of all its proceedings to the city council of St. Louis.

SEC. 3. This act shall be in force from and after its passage.

Approved March 5, 1868.

TOWNS AND CITIES: ST. LOUIS.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "an act to enable the City of St. Louis to procure a supply of Wholesome Water," approved March 13, 1867.

SECTION

1. Water pipes to be laid on petition of mayor in interest of property holders, or on the vote of two-thirds of the city council; costs, how to be assessed and collected.
2. Board of water commissioners may compel the use of water in houses on a vote of the board of health, that it is required on sanitary grounds.

SECTION

3. Compensation of city treasurer for his services.
4. When to take effect.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. The twenty-third section of the act entitled "an act to enable the city of St. Louis to procure a supply of wholesome water," approved March 13, 1867, is hereby repealed, as the same now stands,

and the following inserted in lieu thereof: "Section 23. Whenever a majority in interest of the property holders on any street, lane, or alley in the city of St. Louis shall hereafter petition for water pipe to be laid along such street, lane, or alley, or whenever the city council shall, by a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected, declare the laying of water pipe to be necessary, the said board of water commissioners shall cause the same to be laid, and the cost of laying all such pipe shall be apportioned among the owners of property on such street, lane, or alley according to the fronting of their lots thereon. The assessor of water rates, or other officer or agent of the board of water commissioners having charge of the work, shall, whenever the work of laying such water pipe shall have been completed, compute the cost thereof, and assess it as a special tax against the adjoining property fronting upon the street, lane, or alley along which such pipe has been laid, in proportion to the frontage thereof, and the said officer shall make out a certified bill of such assessment against each lot of ground, chargeable with the work done, in the name of the owner thereof, and furnish the city comptroller a copy of such bills, together with an abstract of the assessment, showing the name of the person against whom any special tax is assessed, the block in which such property is situated, for what purpose the tax has been assessed, and the amount of such tax, which abstract shall be recorded in a properly bound book to be kept for that purpose in the office of the city comptroller, which book shall be kept open for the inspection of any person desiring to examine the same, and shall also show the date of the entries therein recorded; and the comptroller shall, on the presentation of a receipted bill, be required to enter satisfaction on the margin of said record. Said certified bill shall then be delivered to the collector of water rates, or other officer or agent designated by the board of water commissioners to collect the said tax, and he shall proceed to collect the same, and bring suit thereon in any court of competent jurisdiction. Such certified bill shall constitute a lien against the lot of ground described therein from the time that the same shall be recorded in the office of the city comptroller, as hereinbefore provided, and shall bear interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from the date of its issue, if not paid within thirty days, and, if not paid within six months from the date of its issue, at the rate of fifteen per centum per annum. Every such certified bill shall, in any action brought to recover the amount thereof, be prima facie evidence of the liability of the person therein named for the amount claimed and of the validity of the charge against the property therein described; and the judgment in such actions, if for the plaintiff, may be a general judgment against the defendant or defendants, and also a special judgment against the property described in the certified bill. Such actions shall be brought in the name of the city of St. Louis to the use of the board of water commissioners; provided, however, that no tax against any lot under this section shall be greater than the cost of a six-inch pipe, for the length chargeable under this section, to any such lot.

SEC. 2. The board of water commissioners of said city may, when and so soon as it is prepared to supply the said city, or any part thereof, with water, require the proprietors, owners, or lessees, or their agents of houses, stores, and other buildings in the said city, or in such parts thereof as it is ready to supply, as aforesaid, to take out license for the use of water for such house, store, or building according to the rates and assessments as fixed by ordinance of the city for the use of water; and the said rate and assessment shall be payable by all such

proprietors, owners, or lessees, or their agents, as well by those who consent as by those who refuse to place into their houses, stores, and buildings the water pipe to receive the same, and shall be payable whenever the said board of water commissioners shall have notified the proprietor, owner, lessee, or his or her agent, of the readiness of said board to supply such house, store, or building with water, as aforesaid. The parties who fail or neglect to comply with the provisions of this section shall be subject to the same penalties as parties who use the water of the city and fail or refuse to pay the rate or assessment for the same; provided, however, that this section shall not have force or effect unless the board of health of the city of St. Louis shall, in the first instance, and in every case, first, by resolution duly passed, have declared that in its judgment the use of water from the public waterworks of the city in any such house, store, or building is demanded as a sanitary measure for the preservation of the health of the inmates or inhabitants of such house, store, or building.

SEC. 3. The board of water commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered, in their discretion, to pay to the treasurer of the city of St. Louis an adequate compensation for his services rendered in signing the coupons attached to thirty-five hundred city bonds known as "water bonds."

SEC. 4. This act to be in force and take effect from and after its passage.

Approved March 23, 1868.

TOWNS AND CITIES: ST. LOUIS.

AN ACT to provide for the extension of Lafayette Park, in the city of St. Louis.

SECTION

1. Election to be held on extension of Lafayette park; if favorable, then said park to be extended, to what limits; bonds to be issued.
2. Park district extended; special tax for interest on bonds to be levied.

SECTION

3. Such tax, how to be levied and appropriated.
4. Laws, ordinances, and rules extended to new limits.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. At the election in April next in the city of St. Louis a poll shall be opened at each election precinct, for and against the extension of Lafayette park, and if a majority of the votes cast be in favor of such an extension, then said park shall be and is hereby extended, from Park avenue on the north, and Lafayette avenue on the south, westward to California avenue, and the land embraced therein shall be then immediately condemned by the land commissioner of said city; and the board of improvements for said park shall then take immediate possession of the same; and the mayor and comptroller of