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CHAPTERS OF THE PUBLIC LAWS PASSED SINCE THE REVISION OF THE GENERAL LAWS, AT THE JANUARY SESSIONS, 1913—1914.

CHAPTER 922.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 14 OF CHAPTER 48 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE QUORUM, GOVERNMENT AND CONDUCT OF TOWN MEETINGS, AND OF ORGANIZATION AND GOVERNMENT OF WARD MEETINGS."

Approved  
April 15, 1913.

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of Chapter 48 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the quorum, government and conduct of town meetings, and of organization and government of ward meetings," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 14. The moderator of every town meeting shall on a motion being made and seconded, relative to any business regularly before such meeting, after having heard all the electors entitled to vote thereon who shall be desirous of being heard, cause the votes of the electors present to be taken thereon. Whenever any question shall be pending in any town meeting involving an expenditure of money, or the incurring of liability by the town, or the disposition of town property, the same shall be taken by ballot, if a ballot be called for and the call be seconded by at least one-fifth of the electors present who are qualified to vote on the pending question."

Moderator,  
how to conduct in case of  
a motion made.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

CHAPTER 927.

Approved  
April 23, 1913.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTION 16 OF CHAPTER 25 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE CONSTITUTION AND ORGANIZATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY," AS AMENDED BY SECTION 34 OF CHAPTER 640 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, APPROVED AUGUST 22, 1910.

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

SECTION 1. Section 16 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws, entitled "Of the constitution and organization of the general assembly," as amended by Section 34 of Chapter 640 of the Public Laws, approved August 22nd, 1910, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 16. WESTERLY.

"The town of Westerly is hereby divided into two representative-districts, bounded and described as follows:

Westerly, First  
Representative  
District.

"(1) The first representative-district shall consist of all that part of said town lying north and west of a line beginning at a point on the bridge over the Pawcatuck river on the Rhode Island-Connecticut boundary line in the center of Broad street, extending southeasterly through the center of Broad street till it comes to a point opposite the centre of the building on said Broad street belonging to the town of Westerly and the State of Rhode Island; thence southerly through the center of said building to the dividing line between the part of said building used by the town of Westerly and the part of said building used by the State of Rhode Island; easterly along said dividing line to the easterly boundary of the lot of land belonging to said town of Westerly and said State of Rhode Island; northerly to the center of Broad street; southeasterly through the center of Broad street to Granite street; northeasterly and northerly through the center of Granite street to Tower street; easterly

and northeasterly through the center of Tower street to Oak street; easterly through the center of Oak street to its junction with the Old Niantic road, so-called; northeasterly through the center of said road to the tracks of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. R. Co.; easterly on said tracks to the brook flowing from Chapman's pond into the Pawcatuck river; through said brook in a general easterly direction to the Hopkinton-Westerly boundary line in the Pawcatuck river; thence following the Hopkinton-Westerly boundary line in a general easterly direction to the Charlestown-Westerly boundary line.

"(2) The second representative-district shall consist of all that part of the town of Westerly not included in the first representative-district of said town."

Westerly,  
Second  
Representative  
District.

Sec. 2. 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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#### CHAPTER 988.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 475 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED MAY 7, 1909, ENTITLED "AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE HOLDING OF CAUCUSES IN THE TOWN OF BRISTOL."

Approved  
Feb. 11, 1913.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3 of Chapter 475 of the Public Laws, entitled "An act in relation to the holding of caucuses in the town of Bristol," is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

"Sec. 3. All caucuses shall be held in said town at the call of the town committee of the political party holding such caucuses. The call for such caucuses shall be issued not less than five days prior to the day on which they are to be held. It shall state the places where such caucuses are to be held, the

Caucuses, how  
called.



hour of holding the same, the time during which the polls are to be open, the business to be transacted thereat (and the uniform size of the ballots to be used in said caucus), and said call shall be posted, at least four days prior to the holding of said caucus, in six or more public places in said town. No two political parties shall hold their caucuses on the same day."

SEC. 2. Section 7 of said Chapter 475 of the Public Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Duties of  
caucus officers.

"Sec. 7. The caucus chairman appointed, as hereinbefore provided, shall call the caucus of his political party to order, and shall preside thereat, and the caucus clerk and assistant caucus clerks shall check the voting list. In case a caucus chairman is absent at the time at which the caucus has been called, or in case a caucus chairman becomes incapacitated during the holding of the caucus, the town committee, or a majority of the members thereof present at such caucus, shall appoint a qualified elector of such party residing in said town as caucus chairman for such caucus. If no member of the town committee is present, the clerk of such caucus, or, in case of his absence or incapacity, then any qualified elector of such political party shall call the meeting to order, and the electors present shall elect some qualified person as caucus chairman of such caucus. In case a caucus clerk is absent at the time at which the caucus has been called, or in case a caucus clerk becomes incapacitated from performing his duties as such during the holding of the caucus, the town committee of said town, or such majority thereof, shall appoint some qualified elector of the town as such caucus clerk. If no member of the town committee is present, the caucus chairman shall appoint some qualified elector as aforesaid as caucus clerk. All caucuses shall be called to order at seven-thirty o'clock P. M. All nominations of candidates for office shall be made before the opening of the polls, and no ballot shall be counted for any candidate for office not so nominated. The polls shall be

Vacancies, how  
filled.

Hours during  
which polls  
must remain  
open.

opened at eight P. M., and the ballot boxes shall be opened and the interior thereof exposed to the view of all present by the chairman before any ballots are cast. Any necessary business not finished at eight P. M. shall be postponed until after the polls are closed and the result of the balloting announced. The polls shall be kept open until ten P. M., and no longer: *Provided, however,* that in the event of but one nomination for each political office the polls shall be kept open thirty minutes. Except for the filling of vacancies in the office of caucus chairman and caucus clerk, as hereinbefore provided in this section, a ballot shall be required for the choice of all candidates for elective offices, for delegates to conventions, and for members of town committees, to be elected by such caucuses. All ballots shall be printed or written on white paper, of uniform size to be determined by the town committee of each political party in said town, and no tissue paper shall be used for any caucus ballot. The names of all candidates for which any elector shall vote at any caucus shall be written or printed upon one ballot."

Form of  
caucus ballot.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed, and this act shall take effect on and after its passage.

#### CHAPTER 1013.

#### AN ACT REGULATING THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS IN THE TOWN OF WEST WARWICK.

Approved  
April 29, 1913.

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

SECTION 1. At all elective meetings in the town of West Warwick the polls shall be opened at half-past five in the forenoon and shall be continuously kept open for voting until five o'clock in the afternoon, and no longer.

Time of  
opening and  
closing of polls.

SEC. 2. This act shall take effect on and after its passage, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

## CHAPTER 1033.

Approved  
April 21, 1914.

AN ACT IN AMENDMENT OF SECTIONS 11, 12, 13 AND 25 OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, ENTITLED "OF THE MANNER OF CONDUCTING ELECTIONS," AS AMENDED BY SECTION 6 OF CHAPTER 640 OF THE PUBLIC LAWS, PASSED AT THE AUGUST SESSION, A. D. 1910.

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

SECTION 1. Section 11 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Ballots, how  
to be sealed up.

"Sec. 11. The ballots given at any such meeting for electors of president and vice-president of the United States, senators and representatives in the congress of the United States, general officers of the state, senators and representatives in the general assembly, and ballots given in at any such meeting upon any proposed amendment of the constitution, and upon any question or questions submitted to the electors of the state, shall be sealed up in one package, which shall contain no other ballots. In cities and in towns divided into voting-districts the ballot given in at any such meeting for city and town officers, for ward and voting-district officers and for and against any question submitted to the electors of such city or town shall be sealed up in one package containing no ballots given in for any other officers, or for or against any proposition or question submitted to the electors of the state."

SEC. 2. Section 12 of Chapter 10 of the General Laws, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 640 of the Public Laws, passed at the August session, A. D. 1910, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Certificate to be  
enclosed in  
package of  
ballots.

"Sec. 12. With each package of ballots there shall be forwarded to the board or council to whom such package is to be delivered, a certificate in ink signed by the moderator