



[R.L.1902, c. 212, § 27.](#) – Revised Laws 1902, Chapter 212 Section 27

- Chapter 212 –CRIMES AGAINST CHASTITY, MORALITY, DECENCY AND GOOD ORDER.
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13 than two years or by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more  
14 than one thousand dollars.

1 SECTION 22. Whoever, as owner, manager, director, agent or  
2 in any other capacity, uses or causes or permits to be used, in con-  
3 nection with any show or entertainment, public or private, a pho-  
4 nograph or other contrivance, instrument or device, which utters or  
5 gives forth any profane, obscene or impure language, shall be pun-  
6 ished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of  
7 not more than five hundred dollars, or by both such fine and in-  
8 prisonment.

Immoral enter-  
tainments.  
1896, 339, § 1.

1 SECTION 23. Whoever, as owner, manager, director, agent or in  
2 any other capacity, prepares, advertises, gives, presents or partici-  
3 pates in any obscene, indecent, immoral or impure show or enter-  
4 tainment, or in any show or entertainment manifestly tending to  
5 corrupt the morals of youth, shall be punished as provided in the  
6 preceding section.

Same subject.  
1896, 339, § 2.

*Repeal  
Substitute  
1910 c. 367*

1 SECTION 24. Whoever exhibits for hire a minor or insane per-  
2 son who is deformed or a person who has an appearance of deform-  
3 ity produced by artificial means shall be punished by a fine of not  
4 more than five hundred dollars.

Exhibition of  
deformities.  
1884, 99.

1 SECTION 25. Whoever commits the abominable and detestable  
2 crime against nature, either with mankind or with a beast, shall be  
3 punished by imprisonment in the state prison for not more than  
4 twenty years.

R. S. 130, § 14. G. S. 165, § 18. P. S. 207, § 18.

Sodomy and  
buggery.  
B. L. 94, §§ 7, 8.  
C. L. 14, §§ 7, 8.  
1697, 19.  
1784, 46, § 1.  
1804, 133.

1 SECTION 26. Whoever sells, lends, gives away, exhibits or  
2 offers to sell, lend or give away an instrument or other article in-  
3 tended to be used for self-abuse, or any drug, medicine, instrument  
4 or article whatever for the prevention of conception or for causing  
5 unlawful abortion, or advertises the same, or writes, prints or causes  
6 to be written or printed a card, circular, book, pamphlet, adver-  
7 tisement or notice of any kind stating when, where, how, of whom  
8 or by what means such article can be purchased or obtained,  
9 or manufactures or makes any such article, shall be punished by  
10 imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or in  
11 jail or the house of correction for not more than three years or by  
12 a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than one thousand  
13 dollars.

Other offences  
against  
decency.  
1879, 156, § 1.  
P. S. 297, § 17.

1 SECTION 27. Whoever commits any unnatural and lascivious  
2 act with another person shall be punished by a fine of not less than  
3 one hundred nor more than one thousand dollars or by imprison-  
4 ment in the state prison for not more than five years or in jail or  
5 the house of correction for not more than three years.

Unnatural and  
lascivious acts.  
1887, 436, § 1.  
160 Mass. 536.

**The following are references to three laws that ultimately extend the budget, but I do not believe that Westlaw accurately referenced the 1918 law and thus the following two references to extend the implementation of the laws are also incorrect. I believe that Chapter 272 Section 35 was last updated through the Revised Laws of 1902 (above).**

[St.1918, c. 257, § 464.](#) -

- *I cannot find the reference to the correct act here within this PDF; I do not believe that the following screenshot is correct; I believe that Westlaw's reference is incorrect.*

JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION. [REVISED LAWS, CHAPTER  
220.]

R. L. 220, § 19,  
amended.

Sentence over  
two and one

SECTION 464. Chapter two hundred and twenty of the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out section nineteen and substituting the following: — *Section 19.* No

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sentence of a male convict to imprisonment or confinement for more than two and one half years shall be executed in any jail or house of correction. half years, how executed.

SECTION 465. Chapter three hundred and sixteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and ten is hereby amended by striking out in the second line the words "by a district, police or municipal court or trial justice," — so as to read as follows: — Every warrant for the commitment of a person sentenced shall set forth the statutory name of the crime of which the person was convicted, and shall contain a citation of the statute, if any, under which the complaint or indictment was drawn. 1910, 316, amended.  
Name of crime to be set forth in certain warrants of commitment.

[St.1919, c. 5.](#) —

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

Cities and towns may appropriate money to celebrate return of soldiers and sailors.

SECTION 1. Cities and towns may appropriate money to celebrate the return of soldiers and sailors now or late in the service of the United States.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved January 31, 1919.*

Chap. 5 AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE TAKING EFFECT OF CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE GENERAL ACTS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN, MAKING CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE CORRECTIONS IN EXISTING LAWS.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, An emergency exists requiring the passage of a law to postpone the taking effect of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, beyond the first day of February, nineteen hundred and nineteen, and the passage of such law is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience, in that said chapter two hundred and fifty-seven was intended to take effect as a part of the new consolidation and arrangement of the General Laws, which cannot be completed on or before February first, nineteen hundred and nineteen; now, therefore

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

1918, 257 (G), § 478, etc., amended.

SECTION 1. Chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, as amended by chapter two hundred and eighty-five thereof, is hereby further amended by striking out section four hundred and seventy-eight and substituting the following: — *Section 478.* This act shall take effect on the first day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty.

Time of taking effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.  
*Approved January 31, 1919.*

Chap. 6 AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RATE OF INTEREST ON BONDS ISSUED TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLY FOR THE TOWNS OF WATERTOWN AND BELMONT.

Emergency preamble.

*Whereas*, The finances of the commonwealth require the immediate sale of the securities mentioned in the following act, and it is not possible to sell the same without raising the rate of interest thereon as fixed by law, it is accordingly



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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TIME OF PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT. *Chap. 1*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Section ten of chapter three of the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter one hundred and sixty-three of the acts of nineteen hundred and seven, by chapter thirteen of the acts of nineteen hundred and twelve, and by chapter two hundred and three of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, is hereby further amended by striking out the words "one hundred and fifty", in the second and third lines, and also in the last line and substituting in each case the words:— two hundred, — so as to read as follows:—

*Section 10.* Each member of the general court shall be entitled to be paid two hundred dollars on account on the day preceding the last legislative day of each month; but such monthly payments shall not exceed, in the aggregate, the compensation of the member for the annual session; and each member shall, on the legislative day in which the general court is in session preceding the fifteenth day of each month, be entitled to receive an amount not exceeding the proportion then due at the rate of two hundred dollars monthly.

*Approved January 14, 1920.*

R. L. 3. § 10.  
etc., amended.

Time of pay-  
ment of  
members of  
the general  
court.

AN ACT TO POSTPONE THE TAKING EFFECT OF CHAPTER TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SEVEN OF THE GENERAL ACTS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTEEN AND CHAPTER THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE OF THE GENERAL ACTS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETEEN, MAKING CERTAIN SUBSTANTIVE CORRECTIONS IN EXISTING LAWS. *Chap. 2*

*Whereas,* The immediate passage of a law to postpone the operation of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the

Emergency  
preamble.

General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, and of chapter three hundred and thirty-three of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen beyond the first day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty is necessary in that said chapters two hundred and fifty-seven and three hundred and thirty-three were intended to take effect as a part of the new consolidation and arrangement of the General Laws, which cannot be completed on or before February first, nineteen hundred and twenty, therefore this act is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1918, 257 (G),  
§ 478, etc.,  
amended.

SECTION 1. Section four hundred and seventy-eight of chapter two hundred and fifty-seven of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and eighteen, as amended by chapter five of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen, is hereby further amended by striking out said section and substituting the following:— *Section 478*. This act shall take effect on the first day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

Taking effect  
of certain act  
postponed.

1919, 333 (G),  
§ 41, amended.

SECTION 2. Chapter three hundred and thirty-three of the General Acts of nineteen hundred and nineteen is hereby amended by striking out section forty-one and substituting the following:— *Section 41*. This act shall take effect on the first day of February, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

Taking effect  
of certain act  
postponed.

*Approved January 29, 1920.*