

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE REPORTING OF MATTERS FOR DETERMINATION BY THE SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT IN CERTAIN CASES.

Chap.311

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

If upon making any interlocutory finding or order in the supreme judicial court or in the superior court the justice making such finding or order is of opinion that the matter ought to be determined by the full court before further proceedings are had in the trial court, he may report the case for that purpose and stay all further proceedings except such as are necessary to preserve the rights of the parties.

Reporting of matters for determination by supreme judicial court authorized in certain cases.

Approved May 10, 1900.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DISPLAY OF LIGHTS UPON BICYCLES.

Chap.312

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

SECTION 1. Section two of chapter four hundred and seventy-nine of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-four is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following: — except that said commissioners, board or department, shall have no power to make regulations requiring the display of a lamp or lantern upon a bicycle; and any such regulation heretofore made shall be of no force or effect, — so as to read as follows: —

1894, 479, § 2, amended.

Section 2. The term “sidewalk”, as used in this act, shall mean any sidewalk laid out as such by a city, town or fire district, and any walk in a city or village which is reserved by custom for the use of pedestrians, or which has been specially prepared for their use. It shall not include cross walks, nor shall it include footpaths on portions of public ways lying outside of the thickly settled parts of cities and towns which are worn only by travel and are not improved by such cities or towns or by abutters. The terms “bicycle”, and “tricycle”, as used in this act, shall be deemed to include all vehicles propelled by the person riding the same by foot or hand power. The terms “park”, and “square”, as used in this act, shall not include any spaces under the control of park commissioners, or of a park board or a special park department of a town or city having power to make regulations relative to such spaces, and this act shall not in any way abridge the powers of such commissioners, board or department; except that said commissioners, board or department, shall have no power to make regulations requiring the display of a lamp or lantern upon a bicycle;

Certain terms defined.

Certain powers of commissions, boards, etc., not abridged.

and any such regulation heretofore made shall be of no force or effect.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Approved May 16, 1900.

Chap. 313 AN ACT TO EXTEND THE TIME FOR TAKING LAND FOR A PUBLIC PARK IN THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

1898, 253, § 1,
amended.

SECTION 1. Section one of chapter two hundred and fifty-three of the acts of the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight is hereby amended by striking out the words "within three years after the passage of this act", in the second and third lines, and inserting in place thereof the words:— before the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and five, — and by striking out the words "city council", in the two places where those words occur, and inserting in each instance in place thereof the words:— board of aldermen, — so as to read as follows:

City of Somerville may take certain land for a public park, etc.

— *Section 1.* The city of Somerville, by its board of aldermen may at any time before the first day of January in the year nineteen hundred and five take from time to time, by gift, upon such conditions as said board of aldermen may deem advisable, or by purchase or otherwise, and hold in fee or otherwise and maintain for the purpose of a public park, the land or any portion or portions thereof situated in said city and bounded as follows:— Northeasterly by Munroe street, seven hundred and eighty and sixteen one hundredths feet; southeasterly by land now or formerly of Charles H. North, one hundred and thirty-nine and five one hundredths feet; southwesterly seven hundred and forty-nine feet by certain parcels of land belonging respectively in the order named and beginning with the most easterly of said parcels, now or formerly to Mary C. Clark, Francis S. Brown and Charles Wood, Herbert E. Gustin, Julia L. Gustin, Artemus C. Richardson, William C. Richardson, Artemus C. Richardson, Philip Eberle, John W. Vinal, Louise M. and George C. Ellis, Belvin T. Williston, heirs of William C. High, Mary F. Brooks, Catherine Lord; northwesterly by land now or formerly of Elbridge G. Park one hundred and thirty-two feet, and containing about two and five one hundredths acres.

1898, 253, § 4,
amended.

SECTION 2. Section four of said chapter is hereby amended by striking out the words "each branch of the