

deemed city place of a judicial district, under article 71 of these Revised Statutes, shall be deemed a city for judicial purposes."

Coming into force. **2.** This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction.

CHAP. 63

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting inquiries relating to municipal or civic corruption

[Assented to, the 3rd of April, 1925]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

R. S., 5940, replaced. **1.** Article 5940 of the Revised Statutes, 1909, as amended by the act 4 George V, chapter 48, section 1, is replaced by the following articles:

Inquiry into municipal affairs.

"5940. The council of any city or other municipality, by resolution thereof, or fifty electors of any city or other municipality, by petition to the judge or judges of the Superior Court, mentioned in article 5940*a*, in term or in vacation, may request such judge or judges to order an investigation to be made into any matter mentioned in the resolution or petition, and relating to a malfeasance, breach of trust or other misconduct on the part of one or more members of the council or officers of the municipality, or of any person or persons having a contract or contracts therewith, or, in case the council of any city or other municipality sees fit to cause inquiry to be made into or concerning any matter connected with the government of the city or other municipality, or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof, and if the council or the electors at any time petition the said judge or judges to order an inquiry, the judge or judges may order the holding of an inquiry by one of his or their colleagues whom he or they shall designate in the order.

Form of petition.

The petition shall not be considered unless it states the accusations, actions or facts, in a precise manner, which alone shall form the object of the inquiry.

Submission of petition.

"5940*a*. The petition shall be submitted to the chief justice or acting chief justice of the Superior Court, residing within the limits of the appellate division which comprises the district in which is situated the municipality, the council or electors whereof ask for the inquiry, or, in the event

of the absence or incapacity to act of the chief justice or acting chief justice, as the case may be, to two judges of the Superior Court in the same appellate division."

2. The Revised Statutes, 1909, are amended by inserting therein, after article 5941, the following article: R. S., 5941a, added.

"5941a. The judge designated in the order for the holding of the inquiry shall, after having given to the accused parties notice of the accusation and of the date on which he will proceed, inquire into the accusations, actions or facts alleged in the petition, and shall, for that purpose, have all the powers which are conferred by this section and under any law respecting inquiries concerning public matters. Powers of the judge.

The judge shall continue such inquiry from day to day, with all convenient despatch, and shall report to the council upon the results of the inquiry and upon the evidence taken therein. Continuance of inquiry and report.

The judge, in making his report, shall also render judgment as to the costs and shall mention therein the remuneration accorded to him for supplementary work by the chief justice, or acting chief justice, as the case may be, of the Superior Court, and if the chief justice or acting chief justice has held the inquiry, then by another judge of the said Court." Costs and remuneration.

3. This act shall come into force on the day of its sanction. Coming into force.

CHAP. 64

An Act to amend the Revised Statutes, 1909, respecting the salary of Recorders

[Assented to, the 19th of March, 1925]

HIS MAJESTY, with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and of the Legislative Assembly of Quebec, enacts as follows:

1. Chapter second of title eleventh of the Revised Statutes, 1909, is amended by inserting therein, after section XXIa, as enacted by the act 10 George V, chapter 70, section 1, the following section and article: R. S., 5952f, added.