

Taxes in a city limited to twelve and a half cents in the dollar, except only to pay present indebtedness.

6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the said Act, or in any other Act of the Legislature of this Province contained, it shall not be lawful for any Council of a city, under any pretence whatever, to impose any greater rate or tax in any one year than twelve and a half cents on the dollar, on the assessed annual value of the taxable property within the city, excepting only in so far as it shall be necessary to pay off and discharge the indebtedness of the corporation existing at the time of the passing of this Act; and any tax imposed by any such Council, over and above the said rate of twelve and a half cents in the dollar (except for the purpose of paying off the *bonâ fide* indebtedness of the corporation at the time of the passing of this Act), shall, as respects such excess, be null and void to all intents and purposes, and the members of the Council who shall vote for the imposition of such tax, contrary to this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and punishable accordingly.

Penalty on Councillors voting for excess.

Section 299 amended.

7. The first paragraph of section three hundred and thirty of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following paragraph is substituted therefor, and shall hereafter be read instead thereof, namely: "The Council of every city, county, township, town and incorporated village may pass by-laws."

New section instead of section 263

8. Section two hundred and sixty-nine of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following section is substituted therefor:—

Indemnity to members of Township and County Councils.

"The Council of every township and county may pass by-laws for paying members of the Council for their attendance in Council, at a rate not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per diem, and, in the case of members of County Councils only, ten cents for each mile of the distance between the place of residence of each member and the place at which the session of such township and county council is held."

Section 385 amended.

9. Section three hundred and eighty-five of the said Act is hereby amended, by adding thereto the following proviso, which shall hereafter be read as a part thereof:—

Proviso: as to Recorders holding Division Courts without extra pay.

"Provided always, that where such Recorder consents to hold the Division Courts for the city, without any salary or charge for the performance of such duty, he shall not be disqualified from practising as a barrister, advocate, attorney, solicitor or proctor in any court of Law or Equity, excepting only in such Division Court."

Section 73 amended.

10. The seventy-third section of the said Act is hereby amended by adding thereto the following words:—"No county attorney shall be qualified to be a member of the council of the corporation."

Section 63 amended. Who shall compose a city council.

11. The first paragraph of the sixty-sixth section of the said Act is hereby repealed, and the following substituted in lieu thereof: "The council of every city shall consist of the Mayor, who shall be the head thereof, and one Alderman, and one Councilman for every ward."

Sections 66 and 67 amended.

12. Sub-section four of section sixty-six, and section sixty-seven of chapter fifty-four of the said Act, are hereby amended by striking out the word "resident" in each.