

shall, from time to time, report to said Board of Fire Commissioners upon the same, and make such recommendations and suggestions respecting it, and for securing its greater efficiency, as he may deem proper.

SEC. 11. The person elected as Clerk by said Board of Fire Commissioners shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, execute a bond in two or more sureties in the penal sum of ten thousand dollars, for the faithful discharge of his duties, which shall be approved by said Board of Fire Commissioners and the Mayor of said city and county, and when so approved shall be filed in the office of the Auditor. The amount of said bond may be increased from time to time, when directed by the Board of Supervisors, should they deem it necessary or for the public good. Said Clerk shall attend daily during office hours at the office of the Board of Fire Commissioners (which shall be the office of the Chief and Assistant Engineers); shall perform the duties of Clerk to said Board and the Chief Engineer, and perform such other duties as from time to time said Board may prescribe.

SEC. 12. The Mayor of said city and county is hereby authorized to sell at private or public sale from time to time, with the approval of the Board of Supervisors, any or all of the engines, horse carriages, engine houses, lots on which such houses stand, or parts of lots (or exchange any of said lots, when in their judgment demanded by the public good), or other property which shall not be required for the use of the Department, and to execute, acknowledge, and deliver good and sufficient deeds or bills of sale for the same, paying the proceeds of such sales into the General Fund of said city and county, such proceeds to be appropriated to the purchase of lots and erection of engine houses thereon as the same may be required.

SEC. 13. The Assistant Engineers of said Fire Department and Clerk shall be allowed and paid a monthly salary of one hundred and fifty dollars each.

SEC. 14. This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

SUPPLEMENTAL IV.—An Act in relation to Coroners in the City and County of San Francisco.—Approved March 16, 1872.

SECTION 1. Every person elected or appointed to the office of Coroner, before he shall enter upon the duties of such office, shall take the constitutional oath of office, and give an official bond in the sum of five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. The duties of Coroner shall be: First, to hold inquest upon the bodies of persons slain, or who shall have committed suicide, or been found dead under such circumstances as to lead to a suspicion of crime committed within the county in which such Coroner resides; second, to issue process for the arrest of one charged upon inquest with murder or manslaughter; to hold inquest on the body of every prisoner who dies in jail; and it shall be the duty of the Coroner, whenever a prisoner dies in his custody, to send for the Coroner who has jurisdiction, who shall hold inquest upon the body of such prisoner. The duties of Coroners upon inquests shall not be delegated.

SEC. 3. Whenever any Coroner shall receive notice that any person has been slain, or has committed suicide, or has died suddenly, or has been found dead under circumstances such as to require an inquisition, it shall be his duty to go to the place where said person shall be, or if the body shall have been interred, shall cause it to be disinterred, and shall forthwith summon not less than nine or more than fifteen persons to serve as jurors, to appear before him forthwith at such place as he shall appoint, and make inquisition concerning such death. He shall summon none but persons duly qualified by law to serve as jurors, and no such person shall be exempt except at the discretion of the Coroner. No person shall be summoned who is related to the deceased or to any person who may be suspected or charged with the killing, nor shall any person be summoned who is known to be prejudiced for or against him; but the jurors who are selected shall not be challenged by any party.—[Amendment Act March 23, 1876.]

SEC. 4. Every person summoned as a juror who shall fail to appear without having a reasonable excuse, shall forfeit a sum not exceeding the sum of two hundred dollars, to be recovered by the Coroner, in the name of the People of the State, before any Justice of the Peace in the proper township, and when collected to be paid into the county treasury for the use of the county.

SEC. 5. When six or more of the jurors attend they shall be sworn by the Coroner and charged by him to inquire how and in what manner and when and where such person came to his death, and who such person was, and into all the circumstances attending such death, and to make a true inquest according to the evidence offered to them or arising from the inspection of the body.

SEC. 6. There shall be but one inquest upon a body, unless that taken be set aside by the Court; and there shall be but one inquest held upon several bodies of persons who were killed by the same cause and who died at the same time. Whenever it shall appear that an error in the identity of the body has been made by the jury, it shall be discretionary with the Coroner to call another inquest upon the body without reference to the Court, and a memorandum of the error shall be entered upon the erroneous inquisition.

SEC. 7. After the jury have been sworn and charged by the Coroner, they shall go together with the Coroner to view and examine the body of the deceased person. They shall not proceed upon the inquest until they have so viewed the body. After the jury have viewed the body they may retire to any convenient place to hear the testimony of witnesses and deliberate