

ance of such duties as may be assigned to him as in their judgment may be just and equitable.

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Section 239. Any burgess, assistant burgess or commissioners who shall wilfully or omit to do any act required by this Act or by the ordinance or by-laws of Hancock relative to the holding of elections in the town of Hancock, after indictment in the Circuit Court for Washington county, and upon conviction thereof shall suffer a penalty by fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

Penalty.

Section 240. For the enforcement of the town ordinance the burgess shall, by and with the advice and consent of the said commissioners of Hancock, appoint one of the justices of the peace residing in Hancock to act as the police justice for the said town who shall have power to issue warrants commanding the bailiff of said town to arrest any person violating any of the ordinances of said town and have him brought in for trial, and he shall have the same power to summon witnesses and to enforce their attendance in these cases that he has in all other cases coming before him as justice of the peace; and after the trial of such person he, in case of conviction, may impose such fine as the ordinance of said town in such cases provides; and the person convicted may, in default of the costs and fine, be committed to the town jail until such fine and costs or forfeiture be paid; provided, that where the parties are committed to the said town jail by the said police justice acting for the burgess and commissioners the number of days of imprisonment shall be double the fine and costs, that is to say, for every one dollar of the amount of the fine and costs the culprit shall have two days in jail; when the time has expired according to his commitment the fine and forfeiture shall be considered as paid and the person discharge, but in no case shall the term of imprisonment exceed thirty days; the said police justice shall be furnished with copies of the ordinance of the town and shall keep a docket for corporation cases and therein record and make regular entries of the proceedings in all cases, setting forth the fine and imprisonment imposed and the amount of costs, and he shall submit said docket to the inspection of any person who may request to see the same, and upon demand of any person interested shall deliver a copy of any judgment rendered by him, or it shall be the duty of said police justice to make out a summarized state-

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