

CHAPTER V.

[H. B. No. 99.]

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS.

AN ACT in relation to prosecuting attorneys, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That all officers elected as county attorneys at the last general election, be, and they are hereby declared to be, prosecuting attorneys for the counties for which they were respectively elected, and shall be known and designated as such, and perform all the duties prescribed by law as the duties of the prosecuting attorneys.

SEC. 2. Whereas, doubt exists as to the duties of prosecuting officers; therefore, an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Approved February 3, 1891.

CHAPTER VI.

[S. B. No. 54.]

MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT legalizing the incorporation of municipal corporations of the fourth class, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. No act, proceeding or order of any board of county commissioners of any county in this state heretofore made, done or had defining or establishing the corporate limits of any municipal corporation of the fourth class shall be invalid for the reason that such corporation contains an area exceeding one square mile; but all such acts, proceedings and orders are hereby legalized; and any and all orders, proceedings and ordinances of any council of municipal corporations of the fourth class heretofore had

or passed, and all special elections heretofore had and held under and by virtue of such order or ordinance, are hereby declared to be as lawful and of as full force and effect as though such municipal corporation at the time of its incorporation contained an area not exceeding one square mile: *Provided, however,* That the board of county commissioners of the county wherein such corporation is situated shall reduce the territory of such corporation to an area not to exceed one square mile in the manner provided in section two of this act. Reducing area.

SEC. 2. Within sixty (60) days after the passage of this act, the council, or a majority thereof of any municipal corporation of the fourth class containing an area exceeding one square mile, shall present a petition to the board of county commissioners of the county wherein it is situated, setting forth the boundaries of such corporation, the territory they desire excluded and the territory they desire to retain within such limits. Such petition shall be presented at a regular or special meeting of said board and shall be published for a[t] least two weeks before the time at which it is to be presented in some newspaper printed and published in such county, together with a notice stating the time of the meeting at which the same will be presented. The said commissioners shall at the time designated in such notice hear said petition and make an order reducing the territory included within the limits of such corporation to an area not exceeding one square mile. A copy of said order shall thereupon be filed with the secretary of state. Mode of procedure.

SEC. 3. Whereas, great embarrassment and inconvenience exists in certain municipal corporations of the fourth class from delay of time in the passage of this act; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its approval by the governor. Emergency.

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