

for record in said office; and when so filed shall be notice to all the world.

Passed the House January 23, 1897.

Passed the Senate January 30, 1897.

Approved by the Governor February 4, 1897.

## CHAPTER VI.

[H. B. No. 27.]

### RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS OF ASSIGNORS.

AN ACT to provide for exemptions in cases of assignments for the benefit of creditors.

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

Right of exemption.

SECTION 1. That hereafter any person making a general assignment for the benefit of creditors, under any statute of this state, shall have the right to claim, and have set aside to him, as exempt from the operation of such assignment, all real and personal property which is, at the time of such assignment, exempt from levy by execution or attachment, under the laws of this state.

Must claim and describe.

SEC. 2. That such assignor shall, if he desires to claim the benefit of this act, state in such assignment, or in the inventory annexed thereto, what property he claims as exempt, giving a description thereof sufficient for identification. Any creditor of such assignor who believes any of the property so claimed as exempt is not so in fact shall have the right to make objection to such exemption claim at any time prior to the expiration of the time for presentment of claims against such assignor to his assignee. Such objection shall be made by delivering to the assignor and the assignee, and filing with the clerk of the court having jurisdiction of the assignment, a notice in writing, clearly pointing out the part or parts of such exemption claim objected to, and the ground of such objection. When the time above provided for the service and filing of objections has expired, the assignor, upon application to said court, shall have a right to the summary hearing of the said ob-

Creditor may object.

Mode of making objection.

jections, and at such hearing the court shall determine and adjudge to the assignor his lawful exemptions. If any part of the exemptions claimed by the assignor shall be denied, the court shall direct the assignee to pay, out of the funds in his hands, the costs of the hearing, if any, as a part of the expenses of the assignment proceedings. The court may, at its discretion, if it find any claim made for exemption to be fraudulent and made in bad faith, deny such exemption. If no objection to the said exemption claim is served and filed prior to the expiration of the time for presentment of claims to the assignee, the assignor shall be entitled as of course to an order setting aside to him the exemptions claimed by him as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of the assignee forthwith to deliver the same to him.

Time of such objection.

SEC. 3. That whereas an uncertainty exists as to whether or not, under the present laws of this state, exemptions should be allowed in cases of assignments for the benefit of creditors, therefore an emergency exists, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

Emergency clause.

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Passed the Senate February 4, 1897.

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## CHAPTER VII.

[S. B. No. 8.]

### PROHIBITING THE SOLICITATION OF DIVORCE BUSINESS.

AN ACT prohibiting advertisements soliciting business in matters of divorce.

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

SECTION 1. Whoever advertises, prints, publishes, distributes or circulates, or causes to be advertised, printed,