

establishment of county roads or acquiring rights of way therefor by condemnation heretofore made under and by virtue of any of said acts or parts of acts or as affecting any proceeding instituted under any of said acts or parts of acts remaining incomplete at the time of the taking effect of this act may be completed pursuant to the provisions of this act and all things required by any of said acts or parts of acts to be done within any specified time which time has begun to run at the time of the taking effect of this act, shall be done within such specified time unless such time is expressly extended by the provisions of this act: *Provided, further,* That the repeal hereby of any act which amended or repealed any former act or part thereof shall not operate to revive such former act or part thereof so amended or repealed.

Repeal of amendatory or repealing act not operative as revivor.

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## CHAPTER 174.

[S. B. 146.]

### COUNTY AND CITY HOSPITALS.

AN ACT relating to and regulating the establishment, maintenance and operation of hospitals for the care of persons suffering from general diseases, by counties and counties and cities jointly.

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

SECTION 1. The board of county commissioners of any county shall have the power to establish, provide and maintain alms houses and hospitals for the care and treatment of the indigent, sick, injured and maternity cases, and for this purpose said board of county commissioners shall have the following powers: To purchase or lease real property there-

County may maintain hospitals for indigent.

Powers:

May purchase property.

Site to be approved by state board of health.

Plans to be approved by state board of health.

Levy taxes. Issue bonds.

Board of trustees.

Gifts and donations.

Counties or county and city may jointly maintain hospital.

for or to use for this purpose lands already owned by the county providing such site shall first be approved by the state board of health; to erect all necessary buildings, make all necessary improvements and repairs and alter any existing building for the use of said hospitals: *Provided*, That such buildings be separate and apart from those designated as alms houses or county infirmaries: *Provided, further*, That the plans for such erection or alteration shall first be approved by the state board of health; to use county moneys, levy taxes and to issue bonds as authorized by law, to raise a sufficient amount of money to cover the cost of procuring the site, constructing and operating hospitals and for the maintenance thereof and all other necessary and proper expenses herein authorized for shall be paid; to appoint a board of trustees for said hospital, as hereinafter provided, to accept and hold in trust for the county any grant of land, gift or bequest of money or any donation for the benefit of the purposes of this act, and apply same in accordance with the terms of the gift. Any number of counties or any county and any city in which the county seat of the county may be situated may contract one with the other for the joint purchase, acquisition, ownership, control and disposition of land and other property suitable as a site for a county hospital. Therefore, the joint construction, ownership, control, management and disposition of a building or buildings thereon for the use of such county and city as a county and city hospital, and such county or city now owning a site, or any interest therein, or a site with buildings thereon, may upon such terms as may appear fair and just to the board of county commissioners of such county or to the city council or commission or other governing body of such city contract with reference to the joint ownership, acquisition, leasing, control, improvement and occupation

of such property, as herein provided. For the purposes of this act the word hospital shall be deemed to include alms houses.

Hospital includes alms houses.

SEC. 2. All contracts made in pursuance hereof shall be for such period of time and upon such terms and conditions as shall be agreed upon. Such contract shall fully set forth the amount of money to be contributed by such county and city towards the acquisition of such site and the improvement thereof and for the manner in which said property shall be improved and the character of the building or buildings to be erected thereon. Such contract may provide for the amount of money to be contributed annually by such county and city for the upkeep and maintenance of such property and the building or buildings thereon, or it may provide for the relative proportion of such expense, which such county and city shall annually pay. Such contract may specify the parts of such building or buildings which shall be set apart for the exclusive use and occupation of such county and city. The money to be contributed by such county or city may be raised by a sale of the bonds of such county or city or by general taxation as now or may be hereafter authorized by law. Any such county or city now possessing funds or having funds available for a county or city hospital from a sale of bonds or otherwise is hereby authorized to contract for the expenditure of such funds, as herein provided. Such contract shall be made only after a proper resolution of the board of county commissioners of such county and ordinance of such city duly passed specifically authorizing the same, such contract when made shall be binding upon such county or city during the life of the same or until the same be modified or abrogated by mutual consent evidenced by a proper resolution and ordinance of such county and city.

Contract of county and city for joint acquisition and operation.

Apportionment of expense.

Exclusive use of parts of building.

Money raised by sale of bonds or general taxation.

Funds now available may be used.

Contract for expenditures:

Resolution of commissioners and ordinance of council essential.

Petition to  
establish  
hospital.

SEC. 3. When it is proposed to establish in any county any such hospital, a petition shall be presented to the board of county commissioners, signed by three hundred or more resident taxpayers of such county, requesting said board to submit to the electors the proposition to issue bonds for the purpose of procuring a site, and erecting, equipping, and maintaining such hospital, and specifying the amount of bonds proposed to be issued for such purpose and the number of hospital beds, which number shall not exceed one bed for each thousand population in counties of more than fifty thousand population.

Number of  
hospital  
beds lim-  
ited.

Bond  
election.

SEC. 4. Upon the presentation of such petition and the board of county commissioners unanimously so order, the board of county commissioners may submit to the voters of the county at the next general election the question of issuing bonds and levying a tax for such hospital.

Bonds.

Denomina-  
tions.

Rate of  
interest.

Serial  
bonds.

SEC. 5. Should a majority of all the votes cast upon the proposition at a general election be in favor of establishing such hospital, the board of county commissioners shall proceed to issue bonds of the county not to exceed the amount specified in said proposition, in denominations of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than one thousand dollars, drawing interest at a rate not to exceed six per cent per annum, payable annually or semi-annually. Said bonds shall be serial bonds finally maturing in twenty years from date of issuance.

Tax levy  
not to  
exceed  
two mills.

SEC. 6. If the hospital be established, the board of county commissioners, at the time of levying general taxes, shall levy a tax at the rate voted, not to exceed two mills in any one year for the maintenance of the hospital.

Bonds not  
to sell  
for less  
than par.

SEC. 7. The county treasurer shall dispose of the bonds in the same manner as other county bonds, and the same shall not be sold for less than par with accrued interest.

SEC. 8. All questions as to the character of patients who shall occupy said wards so established and all rules regulating the occupancy thereof shall be determined by the board of county commissioners in the same manner and with the same force and effect as in the case of patients assigned to the county hospital in counties having such hospital.

Rules and regulations.

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CHAPTER 175.

[S. B. 92.]

HORTICULTURE.

AN ACT relating to horticulture and horticultural products, providing for markings of grades, condemnation, unlawful sales, and evidence, and amending Section 2855, Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 2855, Remington's Compiled Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

Amends § 2723, Pierce's Code.

Section 2855. It shall be unlawful for any grower thereof or association or organization of growers packing apples, or other fruits, vegetables or nursery stock, to mark the package with the grade of the contents, or for any person to ship, sell, barter, or otherwise dispose of or offer for sale, or have in his possession for the purpose of sale, any package of apples, or other fruits, vegetables or nursery stock, grown and packed within the state of Washington unless such contents shall comply with the general obligatory rules and regulations made, adopted and published from time to time by the director of agriculture, which general obligatory rules and regulations shall define and establish the standard for the grades.

Unlawful marking of packages of fruits, vegetables or nursery stock.

Rules and regulations establishing standard for grades.