

CHAPTER XXIV.

[S. B. No. 75.]

WRITS OF MANDATE AND PROHIBITION.

AN ACT relating to writs of mandate and prohibition, amending section 689 of the Code of Washington of 1881.

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

SECTION 1. Section 689 of the code of Washington of 1881 is amended as follows: Writs of mandate and prohibition may issue from the supreme and superior courts of the state, but such writs shall issue from the supreme court only when necessary for the exercise of its functions and powers. In the superior court the writ may be made returnable either in court or before the judge at chambers, and may be tried before the court or judge.

In supreme court.

In superior court.

Approved February 24, 1891.

CHAPTER XXV.

[S. B. No. 73.]

RELATING TO REFEREES.

AN ACT relating to referees.

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

SECTION 1. A referee is a person appointed by the court or judicial officer with power—1. To try an issue of law or of fact in a civil action or proceeding and report thereon. 2. To ascertain any other fact in a civil action or proceeding when necessary for the information of the court, and report the fact or to take and report the evidence in an action. 3. To execute an order, judgment or decree or to exercise any other power or perform any other duty expressly authorized by law.

For what purposes.

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