

and the names alphabetically arranged and regularly numbered in complete series. The census shall be verified before an officer authorized to administer oaths and filed with the city or town clerk.

Census
verified.

If the census shows such city or town qualified for the class named in the petition, the same proceedings shall be had as if the census were a federal or state census.

If the census shows such city or town not qualified for the class named in the petition, no further proceedings shall be had: *Provided*, That the city or town may be reorganized as a city or town of the class indicated by the census, upon a proper petition filed within six months from the filing of such census with the clerk, without other or further census.

Proviso.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1955.

Passed the House March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 320.

[S. B. 193.]

CRIMES AND PUNISHMENTS—ESCAPES.

AN ACT relating to crimes and punishments; defining the crime of escape and defining the term "escape", and amending section 90, chapter 249, Laws of 1909; and RCW 9.31.010 and adding a new section to chapter 9.31 RCW.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 9.31 RCW, is amended by adding the following section: New section.

The term "escape", for the purposes of this chapter, shall mean the unlawful departure of a prisoner from the custody of a penal or correctional institution of the state of Washington, with or without the exertion of force or fraud in the execution thereof.

"Escape"
defined.

SEC. 2. Section 90, chapter 249, Laws of 1909, and RCW 9.31.010 are each amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Charge, conviction or sentence determines degree of crime on escape or attempt to escape.

Every prisoner confined in a prison, or being in the lawful custody of an officer or other person, who escapes or attempts to escape from such prison or custody if he is held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a felony, shall be guilty of a felony; if held on a charge, conviction, or sentence of a gross misdemeanor or misdemeanor, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Passed the Senate February 3, 1955.

Passed the House March 8, 1955.

Approved by the Governor March 21, 1955.

CHAPTER 321.

[S. B. 223.]

ANIMALS—FUR FARMING.

AN ACT relating to certain fur bearing animals; giving authority to the director of agriculture in connection therewith; repealing sections 70 and 71, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, section 1, chapter 142, Laws of 1949 and RCW 77.20.070 through RCW 77.20.090.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. Sections 2 through 6 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 16 RCW.

Definitions.

SEC. 2. As used in this chapter:

"Director."

"Director" means director of agriculture.

"Department."

"Department" means department of agriculture.

"Person."

"Person" includes any individual, firm, corporation, trust, association, copartnership, society, or other organization of individuals and any other business unit, device or arrangement.

"Fur farming."

"Fur farming" means breeding, raising and rearing of mink, marten, fox and chinchilla in captivity or enclosures.

Fur farming deemed agricultural pursuit.

SEC. 3. Fur farming shall be deemed an agricultural pursuit and the director is hereby authorized