

CHAPTER LXXIII.

[H. B. No. 297.]

RELATING TO THE DUTIES OF COUNTY TREASURER.

AN ACT relating to the duties of county treasurers regarding public moneys coming into their possession and the custody of the same, and declaring an emergency.

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

Moneys, where
and how kept.

SECTION 1. The county treasurer must keep all moneys belonging to this state, or to any county of this state, in his own possession until disbursed according to law. He must not place the same in the possession of any person to be used for any purpose; nor must he loan or in any manner use or permit any person to use the same, except as provided by law; but it shall be lawful for a county treasurer to deposit in his own name, as county treasurer, any such moneys in any national, state or private bank or banks doing a general banking business in his county:

Banks of de-
posit to give
bonds.

Provided, That before any such deposit is made the bank in which it is proposed to make the same shall first give to such county treasurer a bond, with sureties to be approved by him, in such amount and with such conditions as he may require. Action may be brought on such bond either by such treasurer or by the county of which he is treasurer. But nothing done under the provisions of this section shall alter or affect the liability of any county treasurer or of the sureties on his official bond.

Misconduct
of treasurer.

SEC. 2. Whenever an action based upon official misconduct is commenced against any county treasurer the county commissioners may, in their discretion, suspend him from office until such suit is determined, and may appoint some person to fill the vacancy.

Death of
treasurer.

SEC. 3. In case of the death of any county treasurer his legal representatives must deliver up all official moneys, books, accounts, papers and documents which come into their possession. No percentage must be allowed to the treasurer on any money by him received from his predecessor in office, or from the legal representatives of such predecessors.

SEC. 4. The books, accounts and vouchers of the treasurer are at all times subject to the inspection and examination of the board of county commissioners and the grand jury. ^{Inspection of books.}

SEC. 5. There being no adequate law in this state covering the matters herein provided for, on account of which doubt exists concerning the same, an emergency is hereby declared to exist: therefore, this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Passed the house March 13, 1895.

Passed the senate March 14, 1895.

Approved March 15, 1895.

CHAPTER LXXIV.

[S. B. No. 331.]

RELIEF OF PUGET SOUND TUGBOAT COMPANY.

AN ACT for the relief of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company, and making an appropriation therefor.

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

SECTION 1. The state auditor is authorized and empowered to audit certain bills of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company against the State of Washington, presented, allowed and approved by the Puget Sound board of health on the 12th day of March, 1893, said bills being incurred by the authority of the state health officer for keeping and maintaining certain seamen of the bark "Cowlitz" placed in quarantine by said health officer, and for money expended in medical attendance and other expenses set forth in said bills, and the said state auditor is authorized to draw warrants on the treasurer for the amounts found due on said bills, and the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars (\$134), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury