

## CHAPTER XXXVI.

[H. B. No. 232.]

## CREATING A BOARD OF PARDONS.

AN ACT establishing a board of pardons and defining its duties,  
and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That a board of pardons, consisting of the following named state officers, to wit: The secretary of state, state auditor and attorney general, be and the same is hereby established.

For "attorney general" read "superintendent public instruction." (See chapter 58, approved March 11, 1897.)

SEC. 2. All applications for pardons, or for the remission of fines and forfeitures, or for commutation of sentence, before being acted upon by the governor, shall be submitted to said board for its approval, rejection, or such advice thereon as it may deem proper.

SEC. 3. The said board shall consider all such applications on the evidence and other recommendations in support thereof and all objections thereto, and in each case shall make to the governor such recommendations as it may deem just.

SEC. 4. The secretary of state shall *ex officio* be the secretary of such board, but the members of said board shall not receive any compensation additional for their services than that now attached to their respective offices.

SEC. 5. The said board of pardons shall meet on the fourth Monday of each month in the office of the secretary of state, in Olympia, to consider all applications hereinbefore referred to, or at such other times as the governor shall call them together.

Board to meet monthly.

SEC. 6. There being no law covering the objects of this act, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall take effect on its approval by the governor.

Passed the House February 15, 1897.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1897.