

CHAPTER XLI.

[S. B. No. 108.]

RELATING TO ELECTRIC METERS, WIRES AND CABLES.

AN ACT to prevent the unauthorized interference with electric meters, wires and cables, used for measuring and conducting electric currents.

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

Unlawful to tap or interfere with electric wires.

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to tap, or make connection with, or take currents of electricity from, in any unauthorized manner whatsoever, any electric wire or cable, used by any person, town, city or electric company in this state for conducting electric currents over the same, or to tamper with any meter, or meters, of such person, town, city or company, or use their electricity, or diminish by any means or contrivance whatsoever, the free passage of any current or currents of electricity over any such wires or cables or through such meters, or to agree with or conspire with any other person or persons to do any of the aforementioned unlawful acts, and any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or by imprisonment in the county jail not more than ninety days or both such fine and imprisonment.

Conspiracy to interfere with meters.

Penalty.

Passed the Senate February 16, 1897.

Passed the House March 3, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1897.