

CHAPTER LXXVI.

[S. B. No. 62.]

RELATING TO COUNTY BOUNDARIES.

AN ACT relating to county boundaries.

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

County may
bring suit to
establish
line.

SECTION 1. Whenever the boundary line between two or more adjoining counties in this state shall be in dispute, or shall have been lost by time, accident or any other cause, or shall have become obscure or uncertain, one or more of said counties, in its corporate name, may bring and maintain suit against such other adjoining county or counties, in equity, in the superior court of this state, and such court as a court of equity shall hear and determine all such suits, and by decree establish the location of such boundary line or lines.

Before whom.

SEC. 2. Said suit shall be tried before a judge of the superior court who is not a resident of a county, a party to such suit, or of a judicial district embracing any such county.

Residents of
disputed ter-
ritory may
intervene.

SEC. 3. A majority of the voters living in the territory embracing such disputed, lost, obscure or uncertain boundary line may, by petition, duly verified by one or more of them, intervene in said suit, and thereupon said court shall have jurisdiction and power, in locating and establishing said boundary line or lines, to strike or transfer from one county to another a strip or portion of such territory not exceeding two miles in width.

SEC. 4. The term territory, as used in this act, shall be held and construed to mean and include that part or section of said counties lying along said line and within one mile on either side thereof.

SEC. 5. The boundaries of such territory, the number of voters living therein, and the sufficiency of such petition are questions of fact to be determined by said court.

Court may
move bound-
ary line.

SEC. 6. The court shall have power to move or establish such boundary line on any government section line or subdivisional line thereof, of the section in or through which said disputed, lost, obscure or uncertain boundary

line may be located, or if such boundary line is in unsurveyed territory, then the court shall have power to move or establish such boundary line so it will conform to extensions of government section lines already surveyed in that vicinity.

SEC. 7. The practice, proceedings, rules of evidence, Practice. and appeals to the supreme court as in civil actions, is preserved under this act.

SEC. 8. The clerk of the court in whose office a decree Copies of decree to be furnished certain officials. is entered under the provisions of this act, shall forthwith furnish certified copies thereof to the secretary of state, and to the auditors of the counties, which are parties to said suit; and said secretary of state, and said county auditors, shall file and record said copies of said decree in their respective offices.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1897.

Passed the House March 11, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1897.

CHAPTER LXXVII.

[S. B. No. 106.]

RELATING TO PURCHASE OF CERTAIN SUPPLIES.

AN ACT providing for the purchase of stationery, desk supplies and furnishings required by the state legislature and the state officers located at the capital.

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

SECTION 1. That all stationery, desk supplies and furnishings required by the state legislature and the state officers located at the capital shall hereafter be purchased All supplies bought through the printing board. and provided and accounted for in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as govern the purchase and provision and accounting of the supplies for public printing.

Passed the Senate February 10, 1897.

Passed the House March 3, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1897.