

CHAPTER 25.

(S. B. No. 86)

EMPLOYMENT OF SPECIAL ATTORNEYS BY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

AN ACT relating to the employment of special attorneys and counsel by County Commissioners.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any Board of County Commissioners in any county in this State to employ, contract with or pay any special attorney or counsel to perform any duty which the Attorney General or any prosecuting attorney is authorized or required by law to perform, unless the contract of employment of said special attorney or counsel shall have been first reduced to writing and approved by the Superior Judge of said county or a majority of the judges thereof, in writing indorsed thereon: *Provided*, this act shall not prohibit the appointment of deputy prosecuting attorneys in the manner provided by law.

Passed the Senate February 1, 1905.

Passed the House February 15, 1905.

Approved by the Governor February 17, 1905.

CHAPTER 26.

(S. B. No. 31)

INTRODUCTION OF TESTIMONY GIVEN IN FORMER TRIALS.

AN ACT providing for the introduction of testimony given in a former trial, action or proceeding.

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

SECTION 1. The testimony of any witness, deceased, or out of the State, or for any other sufficient cause unable to appear and testify, given in a former action or proceeding, or in a former trial of the same cause or proceeding when

reported by a stenographer, or reduced to writing, and certified by the trial judge, upon three days notice to the opposite party or parties, together with service of a copy of the testimony proposed to be used may be given in evidence in the trial of any civil action or proceeding, where it is between the same parties and relates to the same matter.

Passed the Senate January 25, 1905.

Passed the House February 15, 1905.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1905.

CHAPTER 27.

(S. B. No. 38)

AUTHORIZING CORPORATIONS TO SUBSCRIBE FOR AND DEAL IN SHARES OF STOCK OF OTHER CORPORATIONS.

AN ACT authorizing and empowering any corporation to subscribe for, and to acquire by purchase or otherwise, and hold, own, sell, assign and transfer shares of the capital stock of another corporation, and to participate in and vote said stock at any and all stockholders' meetings, and validating existing holdings of stock by corporation.

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

SECTION 1. That any corporation heretofore or hereafter organized under the laws of this State or of any other State or Territory of the United States and doing business in this State shall have power and authority to subscribe for, acquire by purchase or otherwise and to own, hold, sell, assign and transfer shares of the capital stock of any other corporation and by its duly authorized officer or proxy to vote such shares at any and all stockholder's meetings of the corporation whose shares are so held, and to have and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of any other stockholder, except that such corporate owner cannot be a member of the board of trustees. All existing holdings by any such corporation in the shares of the capital stock of any other corporation are hereby validated.

Passed the Senate January 31, 1905.

Passed the House February 15, 1905.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1905.