

## CHAPTER 146.

[H. B. 285.]

## GUIDE POSTS AND DANGER SIGNALS ON PUBLIC HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to public highways, providing for the construction and maintenance of uniform signboards or guideposts thereon, and marking dangerous portions thereof by sufficient danger signals or warnings, and prohibiting the defacing, removal, counterfeiting or destruction of such signboards or guideposts and such danger signals or warnings, and providing penalties for the violation of this act and amending sections 2, 4, and 5 of chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917, and further amending said act by adding thereto new sections to be known as sections 3a, 3b, and 4a.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2 of chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended to read as follows:

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county to construct and maintain on the public highways outside of incorporated cities and towns, at all crossroads or forks of roads, signboards or guide posts according to the plans and specifications furnished by the state highway commissioner.

Plans  
furnished  
by highway  
commis-  
sioner.

SEC. 2. That chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3a and to read as follows:

Section 3a. It shall be the duty of the state highway commissioner to designate such places upon the public highway as are dangerous to travelers, and to furnish at once a list of such dangerous localities to boards of county commissioners of each county and to the governing body of each incorporated city and town within the state.

Dangerous  
places to be  
designated.

SEC. 3. That chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 3b, and to read as follows:

Section 3b. It shall be the duty of the county commissioners of each county to place and maintain

Danger  
signals to be  
maintained.

at such localities on said highways, suitable signals and warnings, which shall sufficiently warn travelers, by night and day, of such dangerous localities.

SEC. 4. That section 4 of chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended to read as follows:

Section 4. It shall be unlawful for any person to remove, deface, mutilate or destroy any of the public signboards or guide posts, or inscriptions thereon, or danger signals or warnings, herein provided for, and it shall be unlawful for any person to fraudulently imitate or counterfeit said public signboards or danger signals or warnings, either for use on private roads and highways or for the purpose of advertising and use on public highways. *Provided*, that nothing herein shall be construed to prevent associations of standing, in constructing, placing and maintaining as a public gift the official signboards or guide posts herein provided for.

Destruction  
or imitation  
prohibited.

SEC. 5. That Chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended by adding thereto a new section to be known as section 4a, and to read as follows:

Section 4a. If, at the expiration of thirty days after the state highway commissioner has transmitted to the proper county authorities plans and specifications for the erection of signposts as set forth above, the county commissioners have not actually begun the erection of said signposts, then the highway commissioner shall immediately take steps to have the necessary signposts erected on the state highways passing through said counties and deduct the cost of same from the permanent highway funds held by the state treasurer to the credit of any such county having failed to comply with this law.

Construction  
on failure  
of county  
to act.

SEC. 6. That section 5 of chapter 78 of the Laws of 1917 be amended to read as follows:

Section 5. Any person violating any of the provisions of section four of this act or failing to com-

Penalty for  
violations  
of act.

ply with any of these provisions, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Allowance  
for arrests  
and con-  
victions.

SEC. 7. The county commissioners of any county are hereby authorized to offer and pay out of the Current Expense Fund of such county not more than twenty-five dollars (\$25) for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons violating the provisions of this act.

Passed the House, March 3, 1919.

Passed the Senate, March 11, 1919.

Approved by the Governor March 18, 1919.

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## CHAPTER 147.

[H. B. 38.]

### CENTRALIA NORMAL SCHOOL.

AN ACT establishing a state normal school at Centralia, creating a commission to select and accept a site therefor, providing for the management, operation, and maintenance, fixing the conditions for the operation, and directing the levying of a tax for the maintenance and operation thereof.

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

Establish-  
ment.

SECTION 1. There is hereby established a state normal school to be known as the State Normal School at Centralia for the purpose of education and training of teachers in the art of instruction and government in the public schools of the state.

Commission  
to select site.

SEC. 2. The governor of the state shall appoint two citizens of the state, who, with himself, as chairman, shall constitute a commission to examine and select a site for said normal school, which site shall be selected with a view to the economical operation of said school and for the convenience of the pupils and training classes thereof. The said commission shall meet in the city of Centralia within ninety days