

## CHAPTER 129.

[H. B. 178.]

## HIGHWAY RAILROAD CROSSINGS.

AN ACT relating to the removal of brush, timber, signs, sign boards or bill boards which obstruct the view at railroad highway crossings.

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

SECTION 1. Every railroad company in the State of Washington shall keep its right-of-way cleared of all brush and timber in the vicinity of any unguarded railway highway grade crossing which tends to prevent a traveler on the highway from obtaining an unobstructed view of an approaching train.

Brush  
cleared from  
railroad  
right of way.

SEC. 2. The county commissioners of every county shall keep the brush and timber cleared from the right-of-way of every county road or highway in the proximity of every railroad highway grade crossing for a distance of one hundred feet from such crossing, in every case where such brush or timber would tend to prevent a traveler on the highway from obtaining an unobstructed view of an approaching train.

Brush  
cleared from  
county roads.

SEC. 3. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect or maintain any sign, sign board or bill board within a distance of five hundred feet of any railroad highway grade crossing which shall obstruct the view of approaching trains.

Signs and  
bill boards  
prohibited.

SEC. 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

SEC. 5. Whenever any railroad company or the county commissioners of any county, or any person who has erected or who maintains any such sign, sign board or bill board shall fail, neglect or refuse to remove or cause to be removed any such brush,

Failure to  
remove  
brush or  
bill boards.

timber, sign, sign board or bill board as herein provided, it shall be the duty of the department of public works, upon complaint of any party interested, or upon its own motion to enter upon a hearing in the manner now provided by law for hearings with respect to railroad highway grade crossings, and to make and enforce proper orders for the removal of such brush, timber, sign, sign board or bill board.

SEC. 6. Nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent the posting or maintaining of any notice required by law to be posted or maintained, or the placing and maintaining thereon highway signs giving directions or distances for the information of the public when such highway signs are approved by the proper highway authorities.

Notices and  
signs  
permitted.

Passed the House March 5, 1923.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 130.

[H. B. 179.]

### COUNTY CLERKS.

AN ACT relating to county clerks, and the books and records of his office and the entries therein, amending sections 75 and 448 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and repealing Sections 449 and 604 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 75 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 75;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 8580.

Section 75. 1. He shall, at the expense of the county, provide and keep a book, in which he shall enter all appearances and the time of filing all pleadings in any cause pending in said court;

Appearance  
book.