and provisions of this act for the safe-keeping of such bonds and securities: Provided, Such trust company or bank so designated and located without the state shall have a combined actual paid up capital and surplus of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000); And provided further, That the identity of such trustee, the terms of the agreement between such trustee and the depository, and the character of the bonds or securities pledged, shall all be subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Comptroller or Town Clerk, in the case of cities and towns, and of the County Treasurer in the case of counties.

Passed the House February 1, 1945.
Passed the Senate March 4, 1945.
Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 71.

SAFE KEEPING OF COLLATERAL—STATE TREASURER.

An Act relating to the safe keeping of bonds and securities pledged to the State Treasurer by state depositaries of public funds; providing for the designation of a trustee for the safekeeping thereof and defining the rights, duties and obligations of such trustee.

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

SECTION 1. Every state depositary qualified to receive any state moneys on deposit, having bonds or securities pledged or to be pledged by it with the State Treasurer as collateral for the payment on demand of all such moneys deposited with it, may, by written notice, request the State Treasurer to designate a trust company or bank exercising trust powers and located within the State of Washington as a trustee for the safe keeping of such bonds and securities, or said depositary may, by written notice
request the State Treasurer, to designate a trust company or bank exercising trust powers located without the state as trustee under the terms and provisions of this enactment for the safe keeping of such bonds and securities: *Provided,* Such trust company or bank so designated and located without the state shall have a combined actual paid up capital and surplus of not less than one million dollars ($1,000,000); *And provided further,* That the identity of such trustee, the terms of the agreement between such trustee and the depositary, and the character of the bonds or securities pledged, shall all be subject to the approval of the State Treasurer.

**Sec. 2.** The receipt of the trustee describing the securities held and the purpose, terms and conditions of such holding, shall be issued by the trustee in duplicate, and one of such duplicates shall be delivered to the State Treasurer to whom such securities are pledged, and one of such duplicates shall be delivered to the depositary by whom such bonds or securities are pledged. Such receipt shall be accepted by all public officers of the State of Washington as prima facie evidence of the facts therein stated.

**Sec. 3.** In the event of the insolvency or closing of the bank depositing such bonds or securities, the trustee shall, upon demand, deliver the same to the State Treasurer and prior to any default of the depositary the trustee shall, as the same mature and become payable, clip from all coupon bonds deposited the interest coupons thereof and deliver the same, on demand, to the depositary by whom they were deposited.

**Sec. 4.** The charges or compensation of the trustee for keeping such securities shall be a charge against and shall be paid by the depositary and shall not be chargeable to the state as pledgee nor to the Treasurer thereof, nor shall such charges or com-
pensation be a lien upon the bonds or securities in its custody.

SEC. 5. No bank or trust company shall act as trustee for the keeping of its own bonds or securities when pledged by it as a depository of state funds; Provided, however, That nothing herein shall prevent the State Treasurer from keeping under his sole control in a safe, or safe deposit box in the vault of any bank or trust company, bonds or securities pledged by said bank or trust company as a depository of state funds.

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CHAPTER 72.
[ H. B. 30. ]

PROBATE—DESCENT OF PROPERTY.

An Act relating to the descent of property, the computation of the degree of kindred, the right to inherit amongst kindred of the half blood except in cases where the inheritance came to the intestate from an ancestor, and excluding those not of the blood of such ancestor; and amending section 1347, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 199-17.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1347, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 199-17, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1347. The degree of kindred shall be computed according to the rules of the civil law, and the kindred of the half blood shall inherit equally with those of the whole blood in the same degree, unless the inheritance comes to the intestate by descent, devise, or gift from one of his ancestors, or kindred of such ancestor's blood, in which case all