

the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 28, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1961.

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## CHAPTER 97.

[ S. B. 344. ]

**NOTE: THIS LAW WAS REPEALED BY CHAPTER 27, LAWS OF 1961, EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**

**CIVIL ACTIONS—EXEMPLARY DAMAGES FOR INTENTIONAL INJURY TO PERSON OR CHARACTER.**

AN ACT relating to civil actions and damages.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who commits an intentional injury or tort upon or causes an intentional injury or tort to be committed upon the person or character of another is liable for exemplary damages for the sake of example and by way of punishment as the trier of fact may determine, in addition to any other common law or statutory liabilities.

Note: See also section 6, chapter 27, Laws of 1961 extraordinary session.

SEC. 2. Section 1 does not affect any rights accrued or liabilities incurred prior to the effective date of this act.

Note: See also section 6, chapter 27, Laws of 1961 extraordinary session.

Sec. 3. *It is against the public policy of this state to insure against any liability incurred as a result of this act.* } vetoed.

Passed the Senate February 25, 1961.

Passed the House March 8, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 11, 1961, with the exception of Section 3, which was vetoed.

**NOTE: Excerpt of Governor's veto message reads as follows:**

"The main purpose of Senate Bill No. 344 is to award exemplary damages to persons having been injured to their body or character through an intentional injury on the part of a tortfeasor.

“Section 3 provides that it is against the public policy of this State to insure against any liability incurred as a result of this Act. If permitted to become law, this Section would prevent insurance companies to write insurance covering damages sustained through the commission of intentional torts. It is my firm conviction and belief that the Legislature should not interfere with the freedom of contract existing between citizens of this State and insurance companies. Such a restraint, as is provided in Section 3, is contrary to the best interests of the people of this State.

“For the reasons indicated, Section 3 is vetoed and the remainder of the bill is approved.”

ALBERT D. ROSELLINI,  
Governor.

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CHAPTER 98.

[ S. B. 185. ]

SCHOOL DISTRICTS—MULTIPLE PROPOSITIONS  
ON BALLOT.

AN ACT relating to organization of school districts; and adding a new section to chapter 266, Laws of 1949 and to chapter 28.57 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 266, Laws of 1947 and to chapter 28.57 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Organization,  
reorganization  
of school  
districts.  
Provisions  
for special  
elections in  
certain  
districts.

In any special election provided for in this chapter involving both the question of the formation of a new district and the question of adjustment of bonded indebtedness there may be submitted to the voters of the proposed district, at the same election, a proposition whether bonds are to be issued by the new district and the provisions of chapter 28.51 RCW shall apply to the election on the question of issuance of bonds by the new district: *Provided*, That if either the formations or the adjustments proposition shall be disapproved all other propositions submitted at the same election shall also be deemed to have failed. The provisions of this section shall apply only to school districts situated in whole or in part in counties of the fourth class or lower