

C. Polley in the cemetery at Olympia, under the direction of the Adjutant General.

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CHAPTER CXVI.

[H. B. No. 477.]

AMENDING AN ACT TO CREATE A BOARD OF HEALTH AND BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

AN ACT to amend an act entitled "An act to create a board of health and bureau of vital statistics in the State of Washington," approved March 7, 1891, by amending section 2 and adding sections 2½ and 6½.

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

Amendment.

Supervision of board and supreme authority.

Special or standing orders.

SECTION 1. That section 2 of an act entitled "An act to create a board of health and bureau of vital statistics in the State of Washington," approved March 7, 1891, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: Sec. 2. The State Board of Health shall have supervision of all matters relating to the preservation of the life and health of the people of the state. The board shall have supreme authority in matters of quarantine, and may declare and enforce it when none exists, may modify, relax or abolish it when it has been established. The board may have special or standing orders or regulations for the prevention of the spread of contagious or infectious diseases, and for governing the receipt and conveyance of remains of deceased persons, and such other sanitary matters as admit of and may best be controlled by universal rule. It may also make and enforce orders in local matters, when in the opinion of the State Board of Health, an emergency exists and the local board of health has neglected or refused to act with sufficient promptness or efficiency, or when no such local board has been established, and all ex-

penses so incurred shall be paid by the county in which such services are rendered out of the general fund of said county. It shall be the duty of all local boards of health, health authorities and officials, officers of the state institutions, police officers, sheriffs, constables, and all other officers and employes of the state, or any county, city or township thereof, to enforce such quarantine and sanitary rules and regulations as may be adopted by the State Board of Health, and in the event of failure or refusal on the part of any member of said boards or other officials, or persons in this section mentioned to so act, he or they shall be subject to a fine of not less than fifty dollars, upon first conviction, and upon conviction of second offence [offense] of not less than one hundred dollars. The board shall make careful inquiry as to the cause of disease especially when contagious, infectious, epidemic or endemic, and take prompt action to control and suppress it. It shall respond promptly, when called upon by the state or local government and municipal or township boards of health, to investigate and report upon the water supply, sewerage, disposal of excreta, heating, plumbing, or ventilation of any place or public building.

Duty of local boards and officials.

Refusal or failure to act.

Penalty

Response—when called upon.

SEC. 2. Section 2½ is hereby added to said act to read as follows: Section 2½. It shall be the duty of the local board of health, health authorities or officials, and of physicians in localities where there are no local health authorities or officials, to report to the state board of health, promptly upon discovery thereof, the existence of any one of the following diseases which may come under their observation, to-wit: Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, smallpox, scarlet fever, diphtheria, typhus, typhoid fever, bubonic plague or leprosy, and of such other contagious or infectious diseases as the state board may from time to time specify. And when any contagious or infectious disease shall, in the opinion of the state board of health, become or threaten to become epidemic in any city, village or county, and the local authorities shall neglect or refuse to enforce measures which, in the opinion of the state board of health, are

Duty of local board of health.

Certain diseases enumerated.

Contagion—when threatened to become epidemic.

efficient for its prevention, the state board of health, or its executive officers, on the order of the president of said board, may appoint a medical or sanitary officer, and such assistants as he may require, and authorize him to enforce such orders or regulations as said board or its executive officer may deem necessary, the expense thereof to be paid by that county in which such services are rendered out of its general fund.

Expense to be paid by county.

SEC. 3. Section 6½ is hereby added to said act to read as follows: Section 6½. All prosecutions and proceedings instituted by the state board of health, for the violations of any of the provisions of this chapter, or any other laws to be enforced by this board, for the violation of any of the orders or regulations of the state board of health, shall be instituted by its proper officer on the order of the board; and all laws prescribing the modes of procedure, courts, practice, and penalties for judgments applicable to local boards of health, shall apply to the state board of health, and the violation of its laws or orders; and all fines or judgments collected or received, shall be paid over to the state treasurer, and credited to the fund created for the support of the state board of health.

Prosecutions.

All laws to apply to state board.

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CHAPTER CXVII.

[H. B. No. 284.]

AUTHORIZING CITIES AND TOWNS TO CONSTRUCT WATER WORKS WITHIN ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT authorizing cities and towns other than cities of the first class to construct water works for irrigation and domestic purposes within assessment districts, and to levy and collect special assessment and taxes to pay therefor.

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

SECTION 1. That all cities and towns within the state, other than cities of the first class, where such cities are