CHAPTER XXX.

[S. B. No. 104.]

RELATING TO REPAIR GATES AND MEASURING BOXES IN DITCHES.

AN ACT requiring persons owning or operating ditches through which water is diverted from natural sources, to place and keep in repair gates and measuring boxes at the head of such ditches, and providing a penalty for non-compliance therewith.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of every person entitled to the use of the waters of any natural stream or lake within this state for irrigation, stock or domestic purposes under a decree or judgment of any court of competent jurisdiction to place and keep in repair at the head of the ditch or canal through which such waters are diverted by him a suitable headgate and measuring box so constructed as to enable the officer executing such judgment or decree to measure to such person the quantity of water to which he is entitled by virtue thereof.

SEC. 2. Any person who shall wilfully fail, neglect Failure or refuse to place and keep in repair the headgate and measuring box provided for in section 1 of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty nor more than one hundred dollars.

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Approved by the Governor, February 28, 1901.