

CHAPTER 160.

[S. B. 126.]

COUNTY ENGINEER.

AN ACT changing the title of county surveyor to county engineer, relating to the election, powers, and duties of such officer and repealing sections 490 and 491 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. The county surveyor shall hereafter be designated as county engineer. He shall be a qualified elector of his county, and a competent civil engineer and surveyor. The county engineer of each organized county shall be elected at the general election for the term of two years, and shall give a bond to the people of this State in the penal sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, to be approved by the county commissioners, conditioned for the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties of his office.

SEC. 2. He shall keep in his office a highway plat book in which he shall have accurately platted all public roads and highways established by the board of county commissioners.

SEC. 3. The county engineer shall prepare profiles of all roads hereafter established and of all roads which are ordered to be improved, and shall recommend to the board of county commissioners what improvements shall be made to the roads and bridges in the county, together with an estimated cost of such improvement. He shall at least annually inspect or cause to be inspected, all bridges of the county, and make a report in writing to the board of county commissioners with such recommendations for the repair and maintenance as he finds necessary.

SEC. 4. The office of county engineer shall be one of record and there shall be recorded and filed in his office, all matters concerning the public roads, highways, bridges, ditches or other surveys of his county, with the original papers, documents, petitions, surveys, repairs and other papers, in order to have the complete history of any such

road, highway, bridge, ditch or other survey: *Provided*, That in any county where there is no qualified engineer, the records of said office shall be kept in the office of the county auditor.

Compensa-
tion.

SEC. 5. The salary of the county engineer shall be as follows: When according to the last census taken by the county, the State, or the United States, preceding the election, at which the engineer was elected, the population of the county is less than 10,000, the engineer shall receive a salary of five dollars per day, for each day actually and necessarily employed in the discharge of his duties, and he shall keep his office open for the inspection of his records by the public during the official hours of his business, as hereinafter provided. In counties of 5,000 or less population he shall keep his office open at least one day in each week. In counties of more than 5,000, and less than 10,000 he shall keep his office open at least two days each week, and a notice of such days must be posted on his office door. In all counties of 10,000 and more population, he shall receive the same salary as the county auditor of his county, and his office shall be kept open at all times as other county offices of record are kept open.

Traveling
expenses.

SEC. 6. The county engineer, or his deputy, and his assistants, shall be allowed actual traveling expenses while officially employed.

Repeal.

SEC. 7. Sections 490 and 491 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, are hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate February 15th, 1907. .

Passed the House March 8th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 13th, 1907.