

cial agent of the United States, at or nearest to the place where such certificate is made, in the case of corporations not within the United States, shall certify under his hand and seal of office to the genuineness of the signature of the officer making the certificate, and to the fact that at the time of making such certificate the person making the same held the office described in the certificate.

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Approved by the Governor January 14, 1926.

CHAPTER 148.

[S. H. B. 209.]

CLASSIFICATION OF COUNTIES, FIXING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNTY OFFICERS AND CONSOLIDATION OF CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICES.

AN ACT classifying counties by population, providing for the election of county officers and in certain classes of counties of certain officers who shall exercise the powers and perform the duties of two or more officers, and defining their powers and duties, and fixing the compensation of county officers, and repealing Sections 4200, 4201, 4202 and 4203 of Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. The several counties of the state are hereby classified by population as follows:

Classification.

Counties containing a population of 210,000 or more shall belong to and be known as Class A counties;

Class A.

Counties containing a population of 125,000 and less than 210,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the first class;

First class.

Counties containing a population of 70,000 and less than 125,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the second class;

Second class.

Third class.

Counties containing a population of 40,000 and less than 70,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the third class;

Fourth class.

Counties containing a population of 18,000 and less than 40,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the fourth class;

Fifth class.

Counties containing a population of 12,000 and less than 18,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the fifth class;

Sixth class.

Counties containing a population of 8,000 and less than 12,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the sixth class: *Provided*, That

Sixth-C class.

counties containing a population of 10,000 and less than 11,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the sixth-C class;

Sixth-B class.

Counties containing a population of 5,000 and less than 8,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the sixth-B class: *Provided*, That counties containing a population of 5,600 and less than 6,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the sixth-A class;

Sixth-A class.

Seventh class.

Counties containing a population of 4,000 and less than 5,000 shall belong to and be known as counties of the seventh class;

Eighth class.

Counties containing a population of less than 4,000 and more than 3,300 shall belong to and be known as counties of the eighth class;

Ninth class.

Counties containing a population of less than 3,300 shall belong to and be known as counties of the ninth class.

Offices of prosecuting attorney and coroner consolidated.

SEC. 2. At the general election in the year 1926 and quadrennially thereafter there shall be elected in each county of the fourth, fifth, sixth, sixth-A, sixth-B, sixth-C, seventh, eighth and ninth classes a prosecuting attorney who shall, in addition to the powers and duties of prosecuting attorney, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now, or that may be, by law vested in or imposed upon the

coroner of such county, and no coroner shall be elected in such counties in the year 1926 or thereafter.

SEC. 3. At the general county election in the year 1926 and quadrennially thereafter there shall be elected in each county of the sixth-B, sixth-C, seventh, eighth and ninth classes a county clerk who shall, in addition to the powers and duties of clerk, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now, or that may be, by law vested in or imposed upon the county auditor of such county, and no county auditor shall be elected in such counties in the year 1926 or thereafter.

Offices of county clerk and county auditor consolidated.

SEC. 4. At the general county election in the year 1926 and quadrennially thereafter there shall be elected in each county of the sixth-B, sixth-C, and eighth classes a county treasurer who shall, in addition to the powers and duties of treasurer, exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now, or that may be, by law vested in or imposed upon the county assessor of such county, and no assessor shall be elected in such county in the year 1926 or thereafter.

Offices of county treasurer and county assessor consolidated.

SEC. 5. At the general county election in the year 1926 and thereafter no county engineer shall be elected in counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, sixth-A, sixth-B, sixth-C, seventh, eighth and ninth classes, and after the expiration of the present term of the county engineer in counties of the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, sixth-A, sixth-B, sixth-C, seventh and eighth classes the board of county commissioners of such counties shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties now, or that may be, by law vested in or imposed upon the county engineer of such county. Whenever necessary to the performance of any powers and duties herein vested in the board of county commissioners, such board shall have power to employ such assist-

Office of county engineer abolished.

Board of county commissioners may employ.

Competent engineer.

Ex officio duties of county engineer.

ants and engineers as are necessary and to fix their compensation, but no engineer shall be employed unless he shall have special qualifications in the matter of road building and shall be a civil engineer of recognized standing. *Provided*, That whenever by law the county engineer is required to act *ex officio* as a member of any board, commission or other body, he is required to execute or certify any instrument in writing, such duties shall be performed by the chairman of the board of county commissioners.

Salaries :

SEC. 6. The salaries of county officers of Class A counties and counties of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, sixth-A, sixth-B, sixth-C, seventh, eighth and ninth classes, as determined by the last preceding Federal census, or as may be determined under the provisions of chapter 177 Session Laws 1923 shall be per annum respectively as follows :

Class A.

Vetoed

Class A Counties: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, engineer, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3600.00); coroner, two thousand dollars (\$2000.00); attorney, five thousand dollars (\$5000.00).

First class.

Vetoed

Counties of the first class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, engineer, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, three thousand three hundred dollars (\$3300.00); coroner, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00); attorney, four thousand dollars (\$4000.00).

Second class.

Counties of the second class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, attorney, assessor, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400.00); coroner, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00).

Third class.

Counties of the third class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, attorney, assessor, superintendent of schools, twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars

(\$2,250.00); members of board of county commissioners, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); coroner, eight hundred dollars (\$800.00).

Counties of the fourth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, attorney, assessor, superintendent of schools, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); sheriff, twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400.00); members of the board of county commissioners, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00).

Fourth class.

Counties of the fifth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, attorney, assessor, superintendent of schools, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00); members of board of county commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Fifth class.

Counties of the sixth class: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, attorney, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); members of board of county commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Sixth class.

Counties of the sixth-C class: Clerk, two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00); treasurer, twenty-one hundred dollars (\$2,100.00); sheriff, attorney, superintendent of schools, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00); and members of the board of county commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Sixth-C class.

Counties of the sixth-B class: Clerk, treasurer, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); sheriff, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00); prosecuting attorney, superintendent of schools, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); members of board of county commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Sixth-B class.

Counties of the seventh class: Clerk, treasurer, attorney, sheriff, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); assessor, superintendent of schools, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00); members of board of county

Seventh class.

commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Eighth class.

Counties of the eighth class: Treasurer, clerk, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); sheriff, superintendent of schools, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00); said superintendent to give full time to duties; attorney, one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00); members of board of county commissioners, six dollars (\$6.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Ninth class.

Counties of the ninth class: Treasurer, clerk, assessor and attorney, fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500.00); sheriff, eighteen hundred dollars (\$1,800.00); superintendent of schools, twelve hundred dollars (\$1,200.00); said superintendent to give full time to duties; members of the board of county commissioners, seven dollars (\$7.00) per day for time actually spent in the performance of their duties.

Traveling Expenses.

All county officers shall be entitled to their necessary traveling expenses in the performance of their official duties, bills therefor to be audited by the county commissioners.

Elective officers may employ assistant.

In all cases where the duties of any office are greater than can be performed by the person elected to fill the same, said officer may employ, with the consent of the county commissioners, the necessary help, who shall receive such compensation as shall be fixed by the board of county commissioners.

Responsibility for deputies.

The officer appointing such deputies or clerks shall be responsible for the acts of such appointee upon his official bond.

§§ 1570, 1570a, 1567-2, and 1567-3,

Vetoed.

Pierce's Code.

SEC. 7. That Sections 4200, 4201, 4202 and 4203 of Remington's Compiled Statutes are hereby repealed.

Passed the House January 2, 1926.

Passed the Senate January 5, 1926.

Approved by the Governor, with the exception of the second and third paragraphs of section 6, and all of section 7, which are vetoed, January 15, 1926.