

CHAPTER XCVII.

[H. B. No. 120.]

FOR RELIEF OF L. COFFIN AND MARY E. TEAL.

AN ACT for the relief of L. Coffin and Mary E. Teal, and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. That the state auditor be and is hereby authorized to draw a warrant in favor of L. Coffin and Mary E. Teal for the sum of eight hundred and forty-four twenty-six hundredths dollars (\$844.26), and the state treasurer is authorized to pay such warrant, for the payment of which there be and is hereby appropriated out of any funds not otherwise appropriated the said sum.

Approved March 7, 1891.

CHAPTER XCVIII.

[S. B. No. 28.]

TO CREATE A BOARD OF HEALTH AND BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

AN ACT to create and establish a board of health and bureau of vital statistics in the State of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate, shall appoint five persons who shall constitute the state's board of health. The persons so appointed shall hold their office for five years: *Provided*, That the term of office of the first five appointed shall be so arranged that the term of one shall expire on the 30th day of December of each year, and the vacancies so created, as well as all vacancies occurring otherwise, shall be filled by the governor, with the advice and consent of the senate: *And provided also*, That appointments made when the senate is not in session may be confirmed at the next ensuing session.

Terms of office.

Vacancies;
how filled.

SEC. 2. The state board of health shall have the general supervision of the interests of the health and life of the citizens of the state, they shall have authority to make such rules and regulations and such sanitary investigations as they may, from time to time, deem necessary for the preservation or improvement of public health; and it shall be the duty of all police officers, sheriffs and constables, all county officers and employés of the state, to enforce such rules and regulations so far as the efficiency and success of the board may depend upon their official coöperation.

Duties and powers of board.

SEC. 3. The board of health shall have supervision of the state system of registration of births and deaths, as hereinafter provided. They shall recommend such forms and such legislation as shall be necessary for the thorough registration of vital and mortuary statistics throughout the state. The secretary of the board shall be the superintendent of such registration, and shall keep well bound record books in which shall be tabulated the reports made to the state board by the county auditor, as hereinafter provided. He shall keep an accurate account of all moneys received for certificates issued, for fines and all other sources. He shall pay at the end of each month all money on hand to the state treasurer for the credit of the state board of health.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of all physicians, accoucheurs and midwives in this state to register their names and post-office address with the county auditor of the county where they reside, within ninety days after the passage of this act; and said physicians, accoucheurs and midwives shall be required, under penalty of ten dollars, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction in the state, at suit of the county auditor, to report to the county auditor within thirty days from the date of their occurrence all births and deaths which may come under their supervision, with a certificate of the cause of death, and such correlative facts as the board may require, in the blank forms to be provided and furnished by the county auditor.

Duty of physicians, accoucheurs and midwives.

SEC. 5. Where any birth or death shall take place, no physician, accoucheur or midwife being in attendance, the same shall be reported to the county auditor within thirty

Births and deaths must be reported to county auditors.

days from the date of their occurrence, with the supposed cause of death, by the parent or, if none, by the nearest of kin, not a minor, or if none, by the resident householder where the death shall occur, under penalty as provided in the preceding section of this act.

SEC. 6. The coroners of the several counties shall be required to report to the county auditor all cases of deaths which may come under their supervision, with the cause and mode of death, etc., as per forms to be provided and furnished by the county auditor, under penalty as provided in section four of this act.

SEC. 7. All moneys recovered under the penalties herein provided shall be appropriated to a special fund for the carrying out of the objects of this law.

County auditors
must keep a
record.

SEC. 8. The county auditor of the several counties in this state shall be required to keep a record book for the registration of the names and postoffice addresses of physicians, accoucheurs and midwives, to be known as a register of physicians and accoucheurs. Shall also keep a book for registering all births, to be known as a birth register, and also shall keep a book to register all deaths, to be known as a death register, and all the births and deaths so registered shall be transcribed quarterly, in alphabetical order, into books to be known as the permanent record of births and the permanent record of deaths. He shall also keep a book to be known as the marriage statistic record, in which shall be recorded all the statistical information prescribed by the state board. Said books shall always be open for inspection, and said county auditor shall be required to render a full and complete report of all marriage statistics, births and deaths to the secretary of the board of health quarterly, and at such other times as the secretary of the board may direct.

Report of mar-
riage statistics.

Meetings of
board.

SEC. 9. The first meeting of the board shall be within fifteen day after their appointment, and thereafter in January and June of each year, and at such other time as the board shall deem expedient. The meeting in January of each year shall be at the capital. A majority shall constitute a quorum. They shall choose one of their number

to be president, and they may adopt rules and by-laws for their government, subject to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 10. They shall elect a secretary who shall perform the duties prescribed by the board, and by this act he shall receive a salary of twelve hundred dollars per annum. He shall also receive his expenses incurred in the performance of his official duties. The other members of the board shall receive no compensation for their services, but their traveling and other expenses while employed on business of the board shall be paid. The president of the board shall quarterly certify the amount due the secretary as salary, and all other accounts due, and on presentation of his certificate the auditor of state shall draw his warrant on the treasurer for the amount.

Secretary of board.

SEC. 11. It shall be the duty of the board of health to make an annual report, through their secretary or otherwise, in writing, to the governor of the state on or before the first of January of each year, and such reports shall include so much of the proceedings of the board and such information concerning vital statistics, such knowledge respecting diseases, and such instructions on the subject, as may be thought useful by the board for the dissemination among the people, with suggestions as to legislative action as they may deem necessary.

Annual report.

SEC. 12. The secretary of the state shall furnish to each county auditor the necessary books for record, and blank certificates in book form, which certificates the county auditor shall furnish to each physician practicing in his county.

SEC. 13. The sum of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to pay the salary of the secretary and the expenses of the board, meet the contingent expenses of the office of the secretary and all costs for printing, which together shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated. Said expenses shall be certified and paid in the same manner as the salary of the secretary.

Appropriation.

SEC. 14. The secretary of the state shall provide room suitable for the meetings of the board and office room for the secretary.

SEC. 15. The state board of health shall take cognizance

Fatal diseases
among domestic
animals.

of any fatal diseases which may be prevalent among the domestic animals of the state and ascertain the nature and causes of such disease, and shall from time to time publish the result of their investigations, with suggestions for the proper treatment of such animals as may be affected, and the remedy or remedies therefor.

SEC. 16. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved March 7, 1891.

CHAPTER XCIX.

[H. B. No. 292.]

FOR RELIEF OF WILBUR W. WALTMAN.

AN ACT for the relief of Wilbur W. Waltman.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby appropriated out of the state treasury, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and twenty-one and $\frac{20}{100}$ dollars (\$121.20) for the relief of Wilbur W. Waltman, and the state auditor is hereby authorized to issue a warrant for the above amount.

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