

CHAPTER XVII.

[S. B. No. 77.]

RULE OF DECISION.

AN ACT declaring the rule of decision in the State of Washington, amending section 1 of the Code of 1881.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the code of Washington of 1881 is amended to read as follows: The common law, so far as it is not inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or of the State of Washington, nor incompatible with the institutions and condition of society in this state, shall be the rule of decision in all the courts of this state.

Approved February 24, 1891.

CHAPTER XVIII.

[S. B. No. 60.]

CEDING JURISDICTION TO THE UNITED STATES.

AN ACT to cede the jurisdiction of the State of Washington to the United States of America over land needed for the improvement of rivers and harbors, and for the purchase and condemnation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. That the consent of the State of Washington be and the same is hereby given to the acquisition by purchase or by condemnation, under the laws of this state relating to the appropriation of private property to public uses, by the United States of America, or under the authority of the same, of any tract, piece or parcel of land, from any individual or individuals, bodies politic or corporate, within the boundaries or limits of this state, for the sites of locks, dams, piers, breakwaters, keepers' dwellings, and other necessary structures and purposes required in the improvement of the rivers and harbors of this state or

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defined.