

of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil war, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars, or the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines to be disbursed for such relief by such board of county commissioners.

Passed the Senate February 15th, 1907.

Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 5th, 1907.

## CHAPTER 65.

[S. B. 145.]

### AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

AN ACT providing for a system of checking the accounts of various county officers, and amending section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith.

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

SECTION 1. That each of the salaried officers authorized to receive fees under the laws of this State, shall on or before the first Monday of each month and at the end of his term of office submit to the county auditor a statement and copy of his fee book for the month last past, duly verified as provided in section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington: *Provided*, That the county auditor shall submit the statement and copy of his fee book to the county clerk.

Officers to  
make state-  
ment.

SEC. 2. It shall thereupon be the duty of the county auditor and county clerk to check such statements submitted to him with the fee book of their respective offices and the records pertaining thereto and if they are found to be correct he shall return same after having attached thereto his official certificate.

Checking of  
statements.

SEC. 3. That section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read

as follows: Sec. 1597. The fees and compensation collected and chargeable for the county in each month shall be paid to the county treasurer on the first Monday of the following month, and must be accompanied by a statement and copy of the fee book for the month last past, duly verified by the officer making such payment, and certified to by the proper officer. The affidavit shall be in the following form:

*State of Washington, County of . . . . . ss.*

Affidavit.

I, . . . . . county . . . . ., do swear that the fee book in my office contains a true statement in detail of all fees and compensation of every kind and nature, for official services rendered by me, paid or chargeable, my deputies or assistants, for the month of . . . . ., A. D. 19 . . . ., and that said fee book shows the full amount received or chargeable in said month, and since my last monthly payment; and neither myself nor to my knowledge or belief, any of my deputies or assistants, have rendered any official services, except for the county or state, which is not fully set out in said fee-book; and that the foregoing statement thereof is a full, true and complete copy thereof. Subscribed and sworn to before me this . . . . . day of . . . . . 19 . . . .

The certificate of the checking officer shall be in the following form:

*State of Washington, County of . . . . . ss.*

This is to certify that I have checked the records of the office of the county . . . . . for the month of . . . . . 19 . . . ., and find the same to be properly entered on his fee book, and that the foregoing statement is a full, true and complete copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal this . . . . . day of . . . . ., 19 . . . .

Errors or irregularities.

SEC. 4. That if any errors or irregularities are found by the checking officer he shall immediately notify the officer interested and if within three days after such notification said errors or irregularities are not corrected by such officer, it shall be the duty of the checking officer to so notify the board of county commissioners in writing and upon receipt of such notification it shall be the duty

of said board to proceed against such officer in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 5. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate February 14th, 1907.

Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 5th, 1907.

## CHAPTER 66.

[S. B. 136.]

### TAX FOR IMPROVEMENT OF RIVERS AND STREAMS.

AN ACT authorizing the levy of a tax for the purpose of improving rivers and streams and providing for the expenditure of the same.

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

SECTION 1. The county commissioners of any county may annually levy a tax, beginning with the year 1907, in such amount as, in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, but not to exceed one mill upon all taxable property in such county, for the purpose of creating a fund to be known as "River Improvement Fund."

Commissioners may levy tax.

"River Improvement Fund."

SEC. 2. Said fund shall be expended by such county commissioners in acquiring by condemnation or otherwise, any land bordering upon the banks of any river or stream to be improved, which in their judgment it is advisable to acquire, to strengthen and preserve the banks of any river or stream and prevent overflow thereof, and confine such river or stream within its proper channel; to construct any levee, embankment or other construction at such point where such land is acquired, as in their judgment they may deem necessary or advisable, to protect and render more secure the banks of any river by constructing therein stone or masonry work, contrivance or piling or such other construction as in their judgment is best adapted to accomplish such purpose; to remove log jams or obstructions that may be or hereafter form in such river, and to do any

Improvement of rivers.