

called by the board of directors of such union high school district for that purpose a majority of three-fifths of the votes cast at said election are in favor of dissolution. The liabilities and assets of the union high school district so dissolved shall be justly apportioned by the county superintendent among the various districts composing the union high school district.

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CHAPTER 179.

[H. B. 60.]

MOTHERS' PENSIONS.

AN ACT relating to the support of certain destitute women who are mothers, and prescribing penalties for those who fraudulently obtain the benefit thereof.

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

SECTION 1. In every county it shall be the duty of the county commissioners to provide out of the moneys of the county treasurer an amount sufficient to meet the purposes of this law, for the support of women, whose husbands are dead, or are inmates of a penal institution or an insane asylum or who are abandoned by their husbands and such abandonment has continued for more than one year or because of total disability of their husbands, and who are unable to support their children, when such women are destitute and are mothers of children under the age of 15 years and such mothers and children reside in such counties.

SEC. 2. The allowance to each of such women shall not exceed fifteen (\$15) dollars per month when she has but one child under the age of 15 years, and if she has more than one child under the age of 15 years, it shall not exceed the sum of fifteen dollars a month for the first child,

Counties to
help mothers.

Fifteen
dollars per
month.

and five dollars a month for each of the other children under the age of 15 years.

Five dollars additional for each child over one.

SEC. 3. Such allowance shall be made by the juvenile court in the counties where such court is held and elsewhere by the superior court, and only upon the following conditions: (1) The child or children for whose benefit the allowance is made must be living with the mother of such child or children; (2) When by means of such allowance the mother will be able to maintain a home for her child or children; (3) The mother must in the judgment of the court, be a proper person, morally, physically and mentally, for the bringing up of her children; (4) No person shall receive the benefit of this act who shall not have been a resident of a county in which such application is made for at least one year next before the making of such application for such allowance.

Juvenile court to make allowance.

Condition.

SEC. 4. Whenever any child shall reach the age of 15 years any allowance made to the mother of such child for the benefit of such child shall cease. The court may in its discretion at any time before such child reaches the age of 15 years, discontinue or modify the allowance to any mother and for any child.

Benefits cease when child reaches fifteen years of age.

SEC. 5. Any person procuring fraudulently any allowance for a person, not entitled thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalties.

SEC. 6. In each case where an allowance is made to any woman under the provisions of this act, an order to that effect shall be entered upon the records of the court, making such allowance. Proceedings to obtain the benefit of this act shall be instituted and maintained in the same manner as proceedings are instituted and maintained in the juvenile court and the prosecuting attorney shall render all necessary assistance to applicants under this act and shall appear in every such proceeding and through the probation officer, the charity commissioner or any person having knowledge of the facts, shall carefully investigate the merits of every application to the end that this act may be fairly administered and no person granted relief

Prosecuting attorney to bring proceedings.

Officers not
to receive
fees.

Order filed
with auditor.

hereunder except those justly entitled thereto, and no officer of the court or county officer shall receive any fees for any service rendered in carrying out the provisions of this act. A certified copy of said order shall be filed with the county auditor of the county in which such child's mother is resident, and thereupon and thereafter and so long as such order remains in force and unmodified it shall be the duty of the county auditor each month to draw his warrant on the current expense fund of the county in favor of the mother for the amount specified in such order, which warrant shall be by the auditor delivered to the mother upon her executing duplicate receipts therefor, one to be retained by the auditor and the other to be filed by the clerk with the other records in the proceedings relating to such child or children. It shall be the duty of the county treasurer to pay such warrant out of funds in the current expense fund of the county.

Repeal.

SEC. 7. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

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