

CHAPTER 158.

[S. B. 29.]

ADOPTION OF CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to adoption and amending Section 1667 of the Code of Washington Territory of 1881, and repealing certain acts in relation thereto.

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

§ 1667, Code of 1881;
§ 1696, Rem. Stats.;
§ 9813, Pierce's 1919 Code.

SECTION 1. That section 1667 of the Code of Washington Territory of 1881 (section 1696 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; section 9813 of Pierce's 1919 Code), be amended to read as follows:

Petition for adoption.

Section 1667. Any inhabitant of this state, not married, or any husband or wife jointly, may petition the superior court of the county of their residence for leave to adopt, and change the name if desired, of any person, but a written consent must be given to such adoption by the person, if of the age of fourteen years, and if under the age of twenty-one years by each of his or her living parents, or in case the child be illegitimate, by his or her living mother; *Provided*, That the consent of the parent shall not be required in the following cases, to-wit:

When consent of parent not required:

Legal disability.

1. From a father, or mother, deprived of civil rights.

Deprived of control by judicial proceeding.

2. From a father, or mother, who has been unconditionally deprived of the custody and control of such child by the judgment or decree of a court of competent jurisdiction, in an action, suit or proceeding, in which such parent has been given notice and a right to be heard.

Mental disability.

3. From a father, or mother, who has been adjudged and decreed to be feeble minded, or at least one year prior thereto was adjudged insane and has

not since been found sane by any competent authority authorized by law.

4. From a father, or mother, who has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have deserted or abandoned such child without provision for his or her identification. Child abandoned.

If in either of the cases above mentioned the child has a legal guardian, the consent of such guardian shall be required and if the child has no legal guardian, then the court shall appoint a discreet and suitable person to act in the proceedings for adoption as the next friend of such child. Appointment of next friend.

Either spouse may adopt the child of the other. Adoption by step-parent.

SEC. 2. That chapter XXXIV (34) of the Laws of 1897, pages 46-47, and chapter 155 of the Laws of 1905, pages 296-297, are hereby repealed. Statutes repealed.

Passed the Senate January 26, 1927.

Passed the House February 11, 1927.

Approved by the Governor February 21, 1927.

CHAPTER 159.

[S. B. 48.]

GOVERNMENT OF THIRD CLASS CITIES.

AN ACT relating to the government of cities of the third class and the terms of appointive officers, and amending Section 3 of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1915.

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

SECTION 1. That section 3 of chapter 184 of the Laws of 1915, pages 650-651, (section 9116 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; section 786 of Pierce's 1919 Code) be amended to read as follows: § 3, Ch. 184, L. 1915; § 9116, Rem. Stats.; § 786, Pierce's 1919 Code.

Section 3. The mayor, councilman - at - large, treasurer, city attorney and clerk shall be elected in the year 1915 for the term of one year. Such officers shall be elected in the year 1916 and biennially there- Election. Terms of office.