

sequent action, the court may discharge the jury and enter a judgment of non-suit as provided in the preceding section: *And provided, further,* That nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize the court to discharge the jury and determine disputed questions of fact.

Statutes
repealed.

SEC. 3. That sections 286, 287 and 288 of the Code of Washington Territory of 1881, and chapter XL (40) of the Laws of 1895, page 64 (sections 340, 408, 409 and 410 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; sections 8122, 8123, 8124 and 8505 of Pierce's Code) are hereby repealed.

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CHAPTER 90.

[H. B. 93.]

COLLECTION AGENCIES.

AN ACT relating to collection agencies and providing for a bond for the operation thereof.

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

Unlawful to
conduct or
advertise to
conduct
without
bond.

SECTION 1. No person, firm, association or corporation shall conduct a collection agency, collection bureau or collection office in this state, or engage in this state in the business of collecting or receiving payment for others of any account, bill or other indebtedness, or engage in this state in the business of soliciting the right to collect or receive payment for another of any account, bill or other indebtedness, or advertise for or solicit in print the right to collect or receive payment for another of any account, bill or other indebtedness, unless, at the time of conducting such collection agency, collection

bureau, collection office or collection business, or of doing such advertising or soliciting, such person, partnership, association or corporation, or the person, partnership, association or corporation for whom he or it may be acting as agent, shall have on file a good and sufficient bond as hereinafter specified.

SEC. 2. Said bond shall be in the sum of three thousand dollars and shall provide that the person, partnership, association or corporation giving the same shall, upon written demand, pay and turn over to or for the person, partnership, association or corporation for whom any account, bill or other indebtedness is taken for collection the proceeds of such collection in accordance with the terms of the agreement upon which such amount, bill or other indebtedness was received for collection. Said bond shall be in such form as the attorney general shall prescribe. The bond shall be approved by the county clerk of the county in which the principal place of business of the collection agency is located and shall then be filed in the office of the county auditor of the said county or cash may be accepted by the county auditor in lieu of such bond.

Amount of bond and conditions.

Attorney general to approve form.

SEC. 3. This act shall not apply to any attorney at law duly authorized to practice in this state and resident herein, to a national bank, to any bank or trust company duly incorporated under the laws of this state, or to professional men's associations, the members of which are required by law to have a license, diploma or permit to practice or follow their profession.

Not applicable to attorney, bank, trust company or professional men's association.

SEC. 4. Any association or federation of business men's associations in this state, duly incorporated under the laws of this state, whose membership is composed of business men's associations in various localities in this state through a system of fed-

Federation of business men's association may file one \$5,000 bond covering branches.

eration, may file one bond of five thousand dollars in behalf of all its branch organizations that maintain and operate a collection department in the interest of members only, and that any of such branch organizations will not be required to be further bonded.

SEC. 5. Any person, member of a partnership or officer of an association or corporation who fails to comply with any provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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CHAPTER 91.

[H. B. 117.]

AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF CHECK FROM PUBLIC PRINTER.

AN ACT authorizing and directing the state treasurer to accept on behalf of the state certified check from the public printer representing trust funds payable to the state, and pay the proceeds thereof into the general fund, and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The state treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to accept, on behalf of the state, the certified check of the public printer for eight thousand five hundred ninety-two dollars and sixty-five cents (\$8,592.65) which was tendered by the governor to the twenty-first legislature pursuant to authorization by the trustees of a certain trust created for the benefit of the state on March 20, 1925, by a certain agreement of trust executed March 20, 1925, between Jay Thomas, state printer, and O. M. Green, R. V. Ankeny and D. H. Moss,

State Treasurer to accept check for \$8,592.65 tendered by Governor.