

and loan associations whose funds are insured by the United States of America or any of its agencies, to the extent that such funds are insured. Except as herein provided, no investment shall be made by any guardian except with the permission of the proper court first had and obtained. The investment of the guardianship funds in any manner, other than provided by law for the investment of trust funds by corporations doing a trust business, or mutual savings banks, shall not be authorized by any court except in instances where the court finds upon evidence taken, and makes specific written findings showing that substantial detriment or loss may result to the ward if such other investment be not made.

Exception.

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## CHAPTER 158.

[ H. B. 232. ]

### DOMESTIC RELATIONS—FAMILY DESERTION.

AN ACT concerning domestic relations and to prevent and punish family desertion or non-support of wife or child or children and providing for punishment and concurrent jurisdiction of Superior and Justice Courts in certain cases, and amending section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1913 (section 6908, Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

Amendments. SECTION 1. That section 1, chapter 28, Laws of 1913 (section 6908, Remington's Revised Statutes), is amended to read as follows:

Desertion. SECTION 1. Every person who, 1st: having any child under the age of sixteen (16) years dependent upon him or her for care, education or support, deserts such child in any manner whatever, with intent to abandon it;

2nd: Wilfully omits, without lawful excuse, to furnish necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance for his or her child or children or ward or wards; Neglect.

3rd: Having sufficient ability to provide for his wife's support, or who is able to earn the means for such wife's support, who wilfully abandons and leaves his wife in a destitute condition, or who refuses or neglects to provide such wife with necessary food, clothing, shelter, or medical attendance, unless by her misconduct he is justified in abandoning her, shall be guilty of the crime of family desertion or non-support and shall be punished as follows: Abandonment.

A. When such act is committed and children are involved under the age of sixteen (16) years, such act shall be a felony and punished by imprisonment in the State Penitentiary for not more than twenty (20) years or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both fine and imprisonment; Violation.

B. When such act is committed and there is no child under sixteen (16) years, said act shall be a gross misdemeanor and shall be punished by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one (1) year or by fine of not more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or by both fine and imprisonment. Felony when child under 16 involved.

SEC. 2. Every Justice of the Peace and Magistrate shall have concurrent jurisdiction with the Superior Court of the State of Washington of all gross misdemeanors under provisions of this act. Otherwise gross misdemeanor.

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Concurrent jurisdiction.