

CHAPTER 61.

[H. B. 168.]

STATE PENITENTIARY AND STATE REFORMATORY—

INMATES' LETTERS.

AN ACT relating to state institutions.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the superintendent of the state penitentiary or the superintendent of the state reformatory withhold from mailing letters written by inmates of such institutions, the superintendents of the respective institutions shall forward such letters to the director of institutions for study and the inmate shall be forthwith notified that such letter has been withheld from mailing and the reason for so doing. Letters forwarded to the director for study shall either be mailed within seven days to the addressee or, if deemed objectionable by the director, retained in a separate file for two years and then destroyed.

Letters of inmates may be withheld.

Passed the House March 4, 1957.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1957.

Approved by the Governor March 9, 1957.