

CHAPTER 97.

[H. B. 27.]

PROHIBITING SLANDEROUS STATEMENTS ABOUT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

AN ACT relating to false statements, and making the same a gross misdemeanor.

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

SECTION 1. Any person who shall wilfully and maliciously instigate, make, circulate, or transmit to another or others any false statements concerning the moral or financial condition or affecting the solvency or financial standing of any bank, banking institution or trust company doing business in this state, or who shall wilfully counsel, aid, procure, or induce another to start, transmit or circulate any such statement or rumor, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Passed the House February 13, 1913.

Passed the Senate March 5, 1913.

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1913.

False statement a gross misdemeanor. (For gross misdemeanor see Rem.-Bal., §§ 2253 and 2267; Pierce's Code, 1912, 135 §§ 1 and 29. For slander see Rem.-Bal., § 2431; Pierce's Code, 1912, 135 § 179.)

CHAPTER 98.

[H. B. 505.]

APPROPRIATION TO PAY ACCIDENT CLAIMS.

AN ACT making an appropriation from the accident fund created by chapter 76 of the Laws of 1911 for the purpose to which said fund may be applied.

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

SECTION 1. That the sum of four million dollars (\$4,000,000) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the accident fund created by chapter 74 of the Laws of 1911 to be used in paying awards made by the Industrial Insurance Department, and in making other expenditures to which said fund may be applicable under the provisions of said chapter.

Appropriation \$4,000,000.00.

Reference is to ch. 74, L. '11; Pierce's Code, 1912, 291 § 1 et seq.