

CHAPTER 117.

[H. B. 518.]

LIBEL.

AN ACT relating to crime and amending section 2424 and section 2427 of Remington's Revised Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That section 2424 Remington's Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends §
2424, Rem.
Rev. Stat.

2424. Every malicious publication by writing, printing, picture, effigy, sign radio broadcasting or which shall in any other manner transmit the human voice or reproduce the same from records or other appliances or means, which shall tend:—

Consists of.

(1) To expose any living person to hatred, contempt, ridicule or obloquy, or to deprive him of the benefit of public confidence or social intercourse; or

(2) To expose the memory of one deceased to hatred, contempt, ridicule or obloquy; or

(3) To injure any person, corporation or association of persons in his or their business or occupation, shall be libel. Every person who publishes a libel shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

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SEC. 2. That section 2427 Remington's Revised Statutes be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends §
2427, Rem.
Rev. Stat.

2427. Every editor or proprietor of a book, newspaper or serial, and every manager of a co-partnership or corporation by which any book, newspaper or serial is issued, is chargeable with the publication of any matter contained in any such book, newspaper or serial, and every owner, operator, proprietor or person exercising control over any broadcasting station or reproducing record of human voice or who broadcasts over the radio or

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reproduces the human voice or aids or abets either directly or indirectly in such broadcast or reproduction shall be chargeable with the publication of any matter so disseminated: *Provided*, That in any prosecution or action for libel it shall be an absolute defense if the defendant shows that the matter complained of was published without his knowledge or fault and against his wishes by another who had no authority from him to make such publication and was promptly retracted by the defendant with an equal degree of publicity upon written request of the complainant.

Passed the House March 8, 1935.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1935.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1935.

CHAPTER 118.

[S. H. B. 584.]

EMERGENCY UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF.

AN ACT providing for emergency unemployment relief; defining the powers and duties of the department of public welfare in relation thereto and providing for the administration of such relief by the director of public welfare subject to the supervision and control of the governor; providing funds for such relief; making appropriations and declaring its effective date.

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

Provision
for.

SECTION 1. Economic conditions which led to the enactment of chapters 8 and 65, Laws of 1933, have not improved to such an extent as to warrant abandonment of emergency unemployment relief. Either the state or its political subdivisions, acting independently or together, must provide means of alleviating distress and suffering brought about by continued unemployment. The financial ability of