

records of their county become so mutilated that the handling of the same becomes dangerous to the public safety of said records, and in the judgment of said county commissioners it may become necessary to order the transcribing of said records at a sum not exceeding eight cents per folio of one hundred words, in books to be provided for that purpose by said county.

County
auditor to
certify.

SEC. 2. That the books containing the records so transcribed shall be certified by the county auditor, under whose direction said transcribing was done, as being a true copy of the original book in the same number and class.

SEC. 3. That all the original record books shall after the transcribing thereof be filed away in the auditor's office and only be used in case of contest on the correctness of the transcribed records.

SEC. 4. That all the records heretofore transcribed by order of any board of county commissioners in this state shall be and are hereby declared the legal records of said county the same as if transcribed under the provisions of this act.

Approved February 20, 1893.

CHAPTER XV.

[S. B. No. 69.]

POLICE MATRONS.

AN ACT requiring the appointment of police matrons in certain cities, designating their duties and directing their compensation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That there shall be annexed to the police force of each city in this state having a population of not less than ten thousand inhabitants one or more police matrons who, subject to the control of the chief of police or other proper officer, shall have the immediate care of all

females under arrest and while detained in the city prison until they are finally discharged therefrom.

SEC. 2. Any person on the police force or, in their absence, any other person present must aid and assist a matron when from necessity she may require it.

SEC. 3. For the purpose of effecting the main object of this act, no female under arrest shall be confined in the same cell or apartment of the city jail or prison, with any man whatever.

SEC. 4. No person shall be appointed to the office of police matron unless suitable for the position, and recommended therefor in writing by not less than twenty women in good standing, and residents of the city where the appointment is made.

SEC. 5. A police matron shall hold office for a period of Term of office. four years, or until resignation, removal from the city or for cause; and for cause she may be removed at any time by a written order clearly stating the cause for her removal, when another matron must be appointed to fill the vacancy without unnecessary delay.

SEC. 6. A police matron must be paid such compensation for her services as shall be fixed by the city council, and at such time as may be appointed for the payment of policemen. Compensation.

SEC. 7. As the object of this act is to assure the proper treatment of females under arrest and while confined in prison; and whereas, no such law now exists within this state, and is essential to such treatment; therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this act shall take effect and be in force from the time of its approval by the governor. Emergency.

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