CHAPTER XVI.

[S. B. No. 293.]

LEGISLATIVE EXPENSES.

An Act making a second appropriation for the expenses of the fourth regular session of the legislature of the State of Washington.

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

Section 1. That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury of the state not otherwise appropriated the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to pay the per diem of the members, the salaries of employés, and all other expenses of this session not paid out of appropriation heretofore made.

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CHAPTER XVII.

[S. B. No. 138.]

RELATING TO SHERIFFS, CONSTABLES AND CORONERS AND THEIR SUCCESSORS.

An Act defining the duties of sheriffs, constables and coroners upon the expiration of their term of office, and prescribing the duties of their successors, and validating the acts of such officers and their successors.

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

Writs and process to pass, how. Section 1. That all sheriffs, constables and coroners in the State of Washington, upon the completion of their term of office and the qualification of their successors, shall deliver and turn over to such successors all writs and other processes in their possession not wholly executed, and all

personal property in their possession or under their control held under such writs or processes, and take receipts therefor in duplicate, one of which shall be filed in the office from which such writ or process issued as a paper in the action, which receipt shall be a good and sufficient discharge to such officer of and from further charge of the execution of such writs and processes; and shall also deliver to their successors all papers and property in their possession or under their control as such officers. shall be the duty of such successors to execute or complete the execution of all such writs and processes so delivered to them, and to finish and complete any and all business pertaining to such offices so turned over to them.

SEC. 2. In all cases where any sheriff, constable or cor- Successor to oner in the State of Washington has executed any writ or process other process delivered to him by his predecessor, or has completed any business commenced by his predecessor under any writ or process, and has finished and completed any other business commenced by such predecessor pertaining to such offices, and in all cases where any sheriff, constable or coroner has executed any writ or other process, or completed any business connected with his office after the expiration of his term of office, which writ or process he had commenced to execute, or which business he had commenced to perform prior to the expiration of his term of office, the same shall be valid and effectual for all purposes.

Sec. 3. Whereas, uncertainty exists as to whether the retiring or newly elected sheriffs, constables and coroners should execute writs and processes and complete business commenced by such officers prior to the expiration of their term of office, and no adequate provision of law exists governing such acts, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act shall be in force and take effect immediately.

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