

CHAPTER XXXIII.

[H. B. No. 519.]

RELATING TO RECALCITRANT WITNESSES.

AN ACT to provide for the punishment of recalcitrant witnesses before committees appointed by the legislative bodies of the State of Washington, or either of them, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That any person who shall fail to attend as a witness upon any committee appointed by either the House or Senate of the State of Washington, or both, after having been duly subpoenaed as provided in chapter VI of the Session Laws of 1895, or who, being in attendance as a witness before such committee, shall refuse to answer any question or produce any paper or document or book which he is required to answer or to produce by such committee, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail for a term not longer than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 2. Whereas, an emergency exists, therefore this act shall be in force immediately.

Passed the House February 20, 1897.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1897.

CHAPTER XXXIV.

[H. B. No. 375.]

RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF LEGAL HEIRS.

AN ACT to amend section 1418 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington, relating to the adoption of legal heirs.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1418 of volume 1 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington be amended to

read as follows: Section 1418. Any inhabitant of this state not married, or any husband and wife jointly, may petition the superior court of their proper county for leave to adopt a child under the age of twenty-one years, not theirs by birth, and for a change of name of said child; but a written consent must be given to such adoption by the child, if of the age of fourteen years, and by each of his or her living parents who is not hopelessly insane or a confirmed drunkard. If there be no such parents, or if the parents be unknown, or shall have abandoned such child, or if such parents, or either of them, are hopelessly insane, or a confirmed drunkard, then by the legal guardian; if there be no such guardian, then by a discreet and suitable person appointed by said court to act in the proceedings as the next friend of such child: *Provided, however,* That if the parents are living separate and apart, the consent of both is not required, but such consent may be given by the parent having the care, custody and control of such child.

Passed the House February 8, 1897.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 6, 1897.

CHAPTER XXXV.

[H. B. No. 243.]

RELATING TO PUBLIC PRINTING.

AN ACT providing for a uniform system of public blanks for use in the counties of the State of Washington, and regulating the manufacture and sale thereof by the state.

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

SECTION 1. That the state auditor, with the aid and advice of the attorney general, shall compile the forms for all public blanks used in the counties of this state in conformity with the general statutes thereof. The various

Compile uniform blanks.