

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.

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## 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.

blanks for each county shall be uniform throughout the state.

Material provided by the state.

SEC. 2. The material used in said blank forms and the printing and binding thereof shall be provided for by the state printing board in the same manner and under the same rules and regulations as other public printing is now provided for under the general statutes of this state.

Catalogue of prices to county auditors.

SEC. 3. That the state printer shall print a catalogue of all blanks required under the provisions of this act, and a copy thereof shall be furnished to the auditor, free of charge, to each county within the state on or before the last Saturday in November of each year. And on or before the first Monday in January of each year the county auditor of each county shall make requisition on the state auditor for all public blanks required for use in the various departments of his said county for the ensuing year, and the state auditor shall thereupon, on or before the first day of April of each year, furnish to each of said county auditors the number and description of the public blanks required by each of said counties.

Requisitions on state auditor.

SEC. 4. That all of said public blanks shall be furnished to each and all of said counties of the state by said state auditor at actual cost to the state: *Provided*, Nothing in this act shall be construed as preventing any county from purchasing blank forms for public use identical with those furnished by the state from private individuals or corporations manufacturing the same within the state at a lower rate than that quoted in the catalogue of the state printer.

May purchase from other printers within the state.

Taxed against the county.

SEC. 5. That the annual settlement for taxes between the state and the counties of the state, the cost of said blanks furnished by the state auditor to each county shall be taxed against each said county as part of taxes due from said county to the state, and shall be paid by said county at the same time and in the same manner as other state taxes are paid, and shall be credited by the state treasurer to the printing account.

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