

## CHAPTER XVIII.

[H. B. No. 49.]

## TO CREATE AND ORGANIZE FERRY COUNTY.

AN ACT to create and organize the county of Ferry, and declaring an emergency.

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

Boundaries.

SECTION 1. All that portion of the State of Washington described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the point where the boundary line between Stevens and Okanogan counties intersect the Columbia river, thence up the mid-channel of the Columbia river to the mouth of Kettle river, thence up the mid-channel of Kettle river to the boundary line between the United States and British Columbia, thence westerly along the said boundary line to the intersection thereof with the said boundary line between Stevens and Okanogan counties, thence southerly along the said boundary line to the place of beginning, shall be and hereby is created and organized as the county of Ferry, and so named in honor of the Honorable Elisha P. Ferry, the first governor of the state.

Certain amounts to be paid Stevens county.

SEC. 2. The county of Ferry shall assume and pay to the county of Stevens its just proportion of the debts and liabilities of the said county, in the proportion that the assessed valuation of the said county of Ferry bears to the assessed valuation of the whole of Stevens county. The adjustment of said indebtedness to be based upon the assessment for the year 1898: *Provided*, That in accounting between the said counties, neither county shall be charged with any debt or liability incurred in the purchase of any county property, or the purchase of any county building in use or under construction, which shall fall within and be retained by the other county. Immediately upon the appointment and qualification of the auditor of Ferry county, the auditor of said Ferry county and the auditor of Stevens county shall apportion the indebtedness that Ferry

county will under this section assume, and the county commissioners of said Ferry county shall order warrant or warrants drawn to the amount of the indebtedness assumed by the said county of Ferry in favor of said Stevens county, and if said apportionment cannot be made amicably between the said auditors, then the same shall be adjusted by the superior court of Stevens county in an action brought before said court for that purpose.

SEC. 3. The county<sup>^</sup> seat of said county of Ferry shall be located in the town of Republic, and so remain until removed as provided by law. Republic county seat.

SEC. 4. Until otherwise classified the said county of Ferry is hereby designated as belonging to the 27th class. 27th class.

SEC. 5. Within ten days after this act shall take effect, the governor shall appoint three county commissioners for said county, who shall be *bona fide* residents and qualified electors of said county, who shall appoint such county, precinct and road district officers as provided for by the constitution and laws of this state, all of which officers shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified, each of said officers, before entering upon the duties of his respective office, shall take and subscribe the oath and execute the official bond required by law. County officers, how appointed.

SEC. 6. Until otherwise directed by the legislature, one superior judge only shall be elected for the counties of Lincoln, Adams, Douglas, Okanogan and Ferry: *Provided*, That until the next general election the said county of Ferry shall be and is hereby attached to the district composed of Lincoln, Adams, Douglas and Okanogan counties for judicial purposes. Judicial district.

SEC. 7. The board of county commissioners, at their regular meeting in July, 1899, by an order duly entered in the minutes of their proceedings, shall divide their county into three commissioner districts, in the manner provided by law, and designate the boundaries thereof, and at the next general election in said county, there shall be elected three commissioners, one from Commissioner districts.

each of said districts; the commissioner for District No. 1 to be elected for four years, and the commissioners for Districts Nos. 2 and 3 for two years.

Legislative districts.

SEC. 8. For the purpose of representation in the legislature, until otherwise provided by law, the county of Ferry shall be included in the second senatorial district, and shall constitute the fiftieth representative district.

SEC. 9. Until the county of Ferry is organized by the appointment and qualification of its officers, the jurisdiction of the present officers of Stevens county shall remain in full force and effect in the territory constituting said county of Ferry.

County records.

SEC. 10. Within sixty days after the passage and approval of this act, the county auditor of Stevens county shall transcribe from the records of said county, all records and all papers and documents on file, in any wise affecting the title to any estate or property, real or personal, situate within the county of Ferry; and the county commissioners of Ferry county shall provide, at the expense of the county, proper and suitable record books, to which such records shall be so transcribed by the auditor of Stevens county in legible writing and said record books and papers shall be delivered to the auditor of Ferry county and said records and documents so transcribed shall be accepted and received as evidence in all courts and places as if the same had been originally recorded or filed in the office of the auditor of Ferry county.

Actions now pending.

SEC. 11. All actions and proceedings now pending in the superior court of Stevens county affecting the title or possession of real estate in Ferry county, or in which all the parties are residents of Ferry county, shall be transferred to the superior court of Ferry county, and all further proceedings had therein shall be had in Ferry county, the same as if originally commenced in said county; all other actions or proceedings, civil or criminal, now pending in the superior court of Stevens county, shall be prosecuted to termination thereof in in the superior court of Stevens county.

SEC. 12. All pleadings, process, documents and files Transfer pleadings, etc. in the office of the county clerk of Stevens county affecting pending suits and proceedings transferred as provided in section 11 of this act shall be transferred and all records therein transcribed, by the county clerk of Stevens county to the county clerk of Ferry county, within thirty days after said clerk shall have entered upon the duties of his office.

SEC. 13. All records, papers and documents on record Records transcribed and transferred. or on file in the office of the county clerk of Stevens county, in any wise affecting the title or possession of real estate in Ferry county, shall be transcribed and transferred to the county clerk of Ferry county by the county clerk of Stevens county, and said records and documents, when so transcribed and transferred, shall be received as evidence in all courts and places, as if originally recorded or filed, as the case may be, in the county of Ferry.

SEC. 14. All records so transcribed shall be certified Transcripts certified. by the officer transcribing the same under the seal of his office in manner following, to-wit: Each book of transcribed records shall be certified to be a correct transcript of the records of Stevens county contained therein, describing in the certificate the office in Stevens county from which the same were transcribed, and each officer so transcribing shall finally certify to the completeness of all the records so transcribed by him.

SEC. 15. The county of Ferry shall pay to the county Cost of transcripts. of Stevens for transcribing of all records at the rate of eight cents for each one hundred words, including in the computation the certificate.

SEC. 16. An emergency exists, and this act shall take Emergency. effect immediately.

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