

## CHAPTER XXV.

[H. B. No. 186.]

## TO ABOLISH THE BOARD OF PARDONS.

AN ACT repealing an act entitled "An act establishing a board of pardons, and defining its duties and declaring an emergency," approved March 6, 1897, and an act entitled "An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'An act establishing a board of pardons and defining its duties, and declaring an emergency,' approved March 11, 1897," and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That an act entitled "An act establishing a board of pardons and defining its duties, and declaring an emergency," approved March 6, 1897, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. That an act entitled "An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'An act establishing a board of pardons and defining its duties,' and declaring an emergency," approved March 11, 1897, be and the same is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. An emergency exists, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House February 21, 1899.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1899.

Approved March 3, 1899.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

[S. B. No. 108.]

## TO AUTHORIZE THE PAROLING OF CONVICTS.

AN ACT to authorize and regulate the paroling of convicts.

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

Governor upon recommendation of warden may parole in certain cases.

SECTION 1. That the governor shall have authority, upon recommendation of the warden of the state penitentiary, under such rules and regulations as the governor may prescribe, to suspend the sentence of, issue a parole to, and permit to go at large within the state, any convict who now is or hereafter may be imprisoned

in the state penitentiary under a sentence other than a life sentence, or for the crime of murder, who may have served one year for the crime for which he was convicted, and who has not previously served one term of imprisonment in any penal institution for felony.

SEC. 2. Every such convict while on parole shall remain in the legal custody and under the control of the governor and shall be subject at any time to be taken back within the enclosure of the prison from which he was thereby permitted to go at large, for any reason that shall be satisfactory to the governor, and at his sole discretion and full power to retake and return any such paroled convict to the prison from which he was permitted to go at large, is hereby expressly conferred upon the governor, whose written order, when duly attested by the secretary of state, shall be a sufficient warrant authorizing all officers named therein to return to actual custody in the prison from which he was permitted to go at large, any such paroled convict, and it is hereby made the duty of all officers to execute said order the same as an ordinary criminal process.

Paroled prisoner may be returned in certain cases.

SEC. 3. This act shall not be construed to in any sense operate as a release of any convict paroled under its provisions, but simply as a suspension of his sentence and a permit granted to such convict to go without the enclosure of the prison. At the expiration of the time for which he was originally sentenced, if he has faithfully complied with his parole, the original sentence shall be held to be revoked, and said convict shall stand as fully pardoned of the crime for which he was convicted. If, however, any convict while on parole shall go beyond the limits of the state without written permission from the governor he shall be held to be an escaped convict and treated as such and retaken.

Parole terminates with sentence.

SEC. 4. All acts and parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Passed the Senate February 23, 1899.

Passed the House March 1, 1899.

Approved March 3, 1899.