

Removal from office. adopt his political views or to favor any particular person or candidate for office, shall be removed from his office or position by the proper authorities.

Repeal. SEC. 16. Existing laws relating to the institutions referred to in this act, which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall remain in force, and all acts or parts of acts in conflict or inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Emergency. SEC. 17. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1901.

Passed the Senate March 14, 1901.

Approved by the Governor, March 16, 1901.

## CHAPTER CXX.

[H. B. No. 50.]

### FOR THE PROTECTION OF STOCKHOLDERS.

AN ACT for the better protection of the stockholders in corporations, doing business under the laws of the State of Washington, for the purpose of carrying on and conducting the business of mining.

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

Right to enter property and make examination. SECTION 1. Any owner of stock to the amount of one thousand shares, in any corporation doing business under the laws of the State of Washington for the purposes of mining, shall, at all hours of business or labor on or about the premises or property of such corporation, have the right to enter upon such property and examine the same, either on the surface or under ground.

Duty of officers to allow examinations. And it is hereby made the duty of any and all officers, managers, agents, superintendents, or persons in charge, to allow any such stockholder to enter upon and examine any of the property of such corporation at any time during the hours of business or labor; and the presentation of certificates of stock in the corporation of the amount of one thousand shares, to the officer

or person in charge, shall be *prima facie* evidence of ownership and right to enter upon or into, and make examinations of the property of the corporation.

SEC. 2. Any violation of any of the provisions of this act by any officer or agent of such corporation shall constitute a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof every such officer or agent shall be fined in a sum not greater than two hundred dollars for each offense.

Violations and penalty.

SEC. 3. In case such corporation shall fail and neglect to furnish the statement provided for in section 1, of this act within sixty days from and after such demand, the franchise of said corporation may be annulled in any action brought by such stockholder in the name of the State of Washington, in any Superior Court in the county in which said mining property is situated or in which the principal place of business of the corporation may be located.

Failure to furnish statement annuls franchise.

SEC. 4. All acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Passed the House February 13, 1901.

Passed the Senate March 14, 1901.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1901.

## CHAPTER CXXI.

[H. B. No. 203.]

### RELATING TO ARTESIAN WELLS.

AN ACT in relation to artesian wells and regulating the flow of water therefrom, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation or company having possession or control of any artesian well within the state, whether as contractor, owner, lessee, agent or manager, to allow or permit water to flow or escape from such well between the first day of October in any year and the first day

Unlawful to allow flow — from what dates.