

SEC. 17. After the establishment of the districts as herein provided, the county treasurer shall transfer all funds to the credit of the several road districts now existing to the road and bridge fund of the respective district in which the present road districts are situated, and such newly created districts shall assume all liabilities and indebtedness of the present road districts situated within their respective limits.

SEC. 18. This act shall not take effect until the first Monday in January, 1904, except that the county commissioners shall, at the time of making the general tax levy in 1903, make the levy for the road and bridge tax provided for in section 8, and for the district road and bridge tax provided in section 9.

SEC. 19. All acts and parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Passed the House March 6, 1903.

Passed the Senate March 12, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1903.

CHAPTER 120.

[H. B. No. 328.]

AUTHORIZING TOWNS OF THE FOURTH CLASS TO DESIGNATE AN OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER.

AN ACT authorizing towns of the fourth class to select and designate an official newspaper, and declaring the publication of all notices in such paper for the period and in the manner provided by law or the ordinances of said town to be due and legal notice.

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

SECTION 1. That any town of the fourth class in the State of Washington may select or designate any daily or weekly newspaper published or of general circulation in such town as the official paper of said town, and all notices published in said paper for the period and in the manner

provided by law or the ordinances of said town shall be due and legal notice.

Passed the House February 27, 1903.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1903.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1903.

CHAPTER 121.

[H. B. No. 302.]

AMENDING ACT PROVIDING FOR ANNEXATION OF CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY BY COUNTIES.

AN ACT to amend Section 1 (Pierce's Code, Sec. 3921) of an act entitled "An act to provide for annexing certain county territory to a neighboring county to which it is contiguous," and to repeal Section 10 of said act, approved March 9, 1891.

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

Sec. 3921
Pierce's Code.

Petition.

SECTION 1. That section 1 of an act entitled "An act to provide for annexing certain county territory to a neighboring county to which it is contiguous," approved March 9, 1891, be amended to read as follows: Section 1. That when four-fifths (4-5) of the qualified electors living upon any territory not less than one section in area shall desire to have such territory stricken from the county of which it shall then be a part and added to and made a party of the county contiguous thereto, they may present a petition describing with proper certainty the bounds and area of such territory, with the reasons for making such application, to the board of county commissioners of the county in which such territory shall be, who shall proceed to ascertain if such petition contains the requisite number of petitioners, who shall be *bona fide* residents of the territory sought to be stricken off and transferred to the contiguous county, and if satisfied that the petition is signed by four-fifths (4-5) of the *bona fide* residents of such territory and there will remain in the county from which such territory is taken more than four thousand inhabitants, the said board