

CHAPTER 64.

[S. B. 27.]

RELIEF OF SOLDIERS, SAILORS AND MARINES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

AN ACT relating to the relief of soldiers, sailors and marines and their families, and amending sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 of chapter 117 of the laws of 1888.

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

Aid by
counties.

SECTION 1. That section 1 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888, be amended to read as follows: Section 1. For the relief of indigent and suffering Union soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil war, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars in the United States or soldiers of the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection and their families, or the families of those deceased, who need assistance in any city, town or precinct in this State, the board of commissioners of the county in which said city, town or precinct is situated, may provide such sum or sums of money as may be necessary, to be drawn upon by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or Camp of the United Spanish war veterans, in said city or town upon recommendation of the relief committee of said post, or camp, in the same manner as is now provided by law for the relief of the poor: *Provided*, Said soldier, sailor or marine or the families of those deceased are and have been residents of the State for at least twelve months, and the orders of said commander and quartermaster shall be the proper voucher for the expenditure of said sum or sums of money.

Nearest post
or camp
may receive.

SEC. 2. That section 2 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 2. If there be no post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or camp of the United Spanish war veterans, in any precinct in which it should be granted, the county commissioners of the county in which such precinct is, may accept and pay the orders drawn, as hereinbefore provided, by the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans,

located in the nearest city or town, upon the recommendation of a relief committee who shall be residents of the said precinct in which the relief may be furnished.

SEC. 3. That section 3 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 3. Upon the passage of this act the commander of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, which shall undertake the relief of indigent veterans and their families, as hereinbefore provided, before the acts of said commander and quartermaster may become operative in any city or precinct, shall file with the county auditor of such county, notice that said post or camp intends to undertake such relief, as is provided by this act. Such notice shall contain the names of the relief committee of said post or camp in such city or precinct, and the commander of said post or camp shall annually thereafter during the month of October, file a similar notice with said auditor, and also a detailed statement of the amount of relief furnished during the preceding year, with the names of all persons to whom such relief shall have been furnished, together with a brief statement in each case from the relief committee upon whose recommendations the orders were drawn.

Notice of relief work.

Bond of officer

SEC. 4. That section 4 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 4. The county commissioners may require of the commander and quartermaster of any post of the Grand Army of the Republic, or Camp of the United Spanish War Veterans, undertaking to distribute relief under this act a bond with sufficient and satisfactory sureties for the faithful and honest discharge of their duties under this act.

SEC. 5. That section 5 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 5. County commissioners are hereby prohibited from sending indigent Union or Spanish-American war soldiers, sailors and marines (or their families, or the families of the deceased), of the classes of persons mentioned in section 1, to any alms house (or orphan asylum) without the concurrence and consent of the commander and relief committee of the post of the Grand Army of the Republic or Camp of the

Care of indigent soldiers.

United Spanish War Veterans, having jurisdiction, as provided in sections one and two. Indigent veterans, shall, whenever practicable, be provided for and relieved at their homes in such city, town or precinct in which they shall have a residence, in the manner provided in sections one and two of this act. Indigent or disabled veterans of the classes specified in section one, who are not insane, and have no families or friends with whom they may be domiciled, may be sent to any soldiers' home.

Burial of
deceased
soldiers.

SEC. 6. That section 6 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the board of county commissioners in each of the counties of the State to designate some proper authority other than that designated by law for the care of paupers and the custody of criminals, who shall cause to be interred the body of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine, who served in the army or the navy of the United States during the late Civil war or in the war with Mexico or in any of the Indian wars that occurred in the State of Washington, or the Spanish-American war and Philippine insurrection, and the wives or widows of such soldiers, sailors or marines, who shall hereafter die without leaving means sufficient to defray funeral expenses; but the expenses of such funeral shall not, in any case exceed the sum of fifty dollars. If the deceased has relatives or friends who desire to conduct the burial, and who are unable to pay the charges thereof, then the said expenses, not to exceed the sum of fifty dollars, shall be paid to them or their representatives, by the county treasurer, upon due proof of the death and burial of any person provided for by this section and proof of expenses incurred.

Tax levy.

SEC. 7. That section 7 of chapter 117 of the Laws of 1888 be amended to read as follows: Sec. 7. The boards of county commissioners of the several counties in this State shall levy, in addition to the taxes now levied by law, a tax not less than one-fortieth of one mill, and not greater than one-fifth of one mill, upon the taxable property of their respective counties, to be levied and collected as now prescribed by law for the assessment and collection of taxes, for the purpose of creating a fund for the relief.

of honorably discharged soldiers, sailors and marines who served in the Civil war, in the war of Mexico or in any of the Indian wars, or the Spanish-American war or the Philippine insurrection and the indigent wives, widows and minor children of such indigent or deceased Union soldiers, sailors and marines to be disbursed for such relief by such board of county commissioners.

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Passed the House February 27th, 1907.

Approved by the Governor March 5th, 1907.

CHAPTER 65.

[S. B. 145.]

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY OFFICERS.

AN ACT providing for a system of checking the accounts of various county officers, and amending section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington, and repealing all acts or parts of acts in conflict herewith.

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

SECTION 1. That each of the salaried officers authorized to receive fees under the laws of this State, shall on or before the first Monday of each month and at the end of his term of office submit to the county auditor a statement and copy of his fee book for the month last past, duly verified as provided in section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington: *Provided*, That the county auditor shall submit the statement and copy of his fee book to the county clerk.

Officers to
make state-
ment.

SEC. 2. It shall thereupon be the duty of the county auditor and county clerk to check such statements submitted to him with the fee book of their respective offices and the records pertaining thereto and if they are found to be correct he shall return same after having attached thereto his official certificate.

Checking of
statements.

SEC. 3. That section 1597 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read