

shed in such condition as to in any way corrupt or pollute such water supply, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished by fine in any sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

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

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CHAPTER 17.

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CREATING GRANT COUNTY.

AN ACT to create the county of Grant subject to the requirements of the State Constitution and the Statutes in respect to the establishment of new counties, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. All of that portion of Douglass county, and State of Washington, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the southeast corner of township 17 north, Boundaries. range 30 east of the Willamette Meridian, thence running west on the township line between townships 16 and 17 to the range line between ranges 27 and 28, thence south on said range line to the section line between sections 24 and 25 in township 14 north, range 27 east, thence west on said section line to the mid-channel of the Columbia river; thence up said channel of said river to a point, thence at right angles to the course of said channel to the meander corner of section 13 of township 20 north, range 22 east W. M., and section 18, township 20 north, range 23 east W. M., thence north along the range line between ranges 22 and 23 to the northwest corner of section 18, township 31 north, range 23 east W. M., thence east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 7, tp. 21, rg. 23 E.; north one mile

to the northwest corner sec. 8, tp. 21, rg. 23 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 5, tp. 21, rg. 23 E.; north one mile to the northeast corner sec. 5, tp. 21, rg. 23 E.; east one mile to the northeast corner sec. 4, tp. 21, rg. 23 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 28, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 27, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; north two miles to the northeast corner sec. 22, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 14, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 11, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 12, tp. 22, rg. 23 E.; north two miles to the northwest corner sec. 6, tp. 22, N. R. 24 E.; east sixteen miles to the northeast corner sec. 3, tp. 22, N. R. 26 E.; north six miles to the northeast corner sec. 3, tp. 23, N. R. 26 E.; east one mile to the northeast corner sec. 2, tp. 23, N. R. 26 E.; north one mile to the northeast corner sec. 35, tp. 24, N. R. 26 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 25, tp. 24, N. R. 26 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 24, tp. 24, N. R. 26 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 18, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 18, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 17, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 8, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 9, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner sec. 4, tp. 24, N. R. 27 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner sec. 3, tp. 24, rg. 27 E.; north one mile to the northeast corner sec. 3, tp. 24, rg. 27 E.; east three miles to the southeast corner sec. 31, tp. 25, N. R. 28 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 30, tp. 25, N. R. 28 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 29, tp. 25, N. R. 28 E.; north three miles to the southeast corner of sec. 8, tp. 25, N. R. 28 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 9, tp. 25, N. R. 28 E.; north four miles to the southeast corner of sec. 21, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 22, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 15, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.;

east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 14, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.; north two miles to the southeast corner of sec. 2, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 1, tp. 26, N. R. 28 E.; north two miles to the southeast corner of sec. 25, tp. 27, N. R. 28 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 30, tp. 27, N. R. 29 E.; north six miles to the southeast corner of sec. 30, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 20, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 20, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; east two miles to the southeast corner of sec. 22, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; north one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 15, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 14, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; north two miles to the southeast corner of sec. 2, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; east one mile to the southeast corner of sec. 1, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; north one mile to the northeast corner of sec. 1, tp. 28, N. R. 29 E.; thence east along township line between townships 28 and 29 to the mid-channel of the Columbia river; thence up said channel of said river to the point where the Columbia Guide Meridian intersects said channel; thence running south on said Columbia Guide Meridian to the place of beginning, which said described territory shall constitute the county of Grant.

SEC. 2. The county of Grant shall assume and pay to the county of Douglas its proportion of the bonded and warrant indebtedness of Douglas county, in the proportions that the assessed valuation of that part of Grant county, lying within the present boundary of Douglas county, bears to the assessed valuation of the whole of Douglas county. The adjustment of said indebtedness shall be based on the assessment for the year 1908: *Provided*, That in the 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 which shall fall within or be retained by the other county. Debts.

County seat. SEC. 3. The county seat of said county is hereby located at the town of Ephrata and shall there remain until the same shall be removed in accordance with the provisions of law.

Class. SEC. 4. Until otherwise classified said county of Grant is hereby designated as belonging to the fifteenth class.

Commissioners. SEC. 5. John Erickson, M. F. McAnnelly and R. W. Heathman all being residents of the herein proposed county of Grant shall be the first board of county commissioners of said Grant county, and they shall hold office until the second Monday in January, 1911, and until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall meet at the county seat of said Grant county within ten days after this act shall take effect, and shall qualify as such county commissioners by filing their oath of office with the judge of the superior court, who shall approve their bonds in the manner provided by law: *Provided, however,* That if any of the above named commissioners shall fail to qualify within the time specified, that the governor shall appoint a *bona fide* resident and qualified elector of said Grant county to fill the vacancy.

Precincts. SEC. 6. Such commissioners shall divide their county into precincts, townships, and districts as provided by the laws then existing, making only such changes as are rendered necessary by the altered condition of the boundaries occasioned by the segregation from the original county.

Old precincts. SEC. 7. In all townships, precincts, school and road districts which retain their old boundaries the present officers thereof shall retain their respective offices in and for such new county until their respective term of office shall expire, or until their successors are elected and qualified, and shall give bonds to Grant county in the same amount and in the same manner as had previously been given to the original county.

County officers. SEC. 8. Except as provided in the preceding section such commissioners shall be authorized and required to appoint all of the county officers of the county organized under the provisions of this act and of which they are com-

missioners, and the officers so appointed shall commence to hold their office immediately upon their appointment and qualification according to law and shall hold their offices until the second Monday in January 1911, or until their successors are elected and qualified.

SEC. 9. Until otherwise provided by law, said county shall be and hereby is attached to the district composed of Douglas county for judicial purposes. Judicial district.

SEC. 10. The board of county commissioners at a regular meeting held within one year from the time they shall qualify as commissioners of the county of Grant, by an order duly entered in the minutes of their proceedings, shall divide Grant county into three commissioners districts in the manner provided by law, and shall designate the boundaries thereof, and at the next general election in said county there shall be elected three commissioners, one from each of said districts; the commissioner from district number one to be elected for four years, and the commissioners from districts number two and three for two years. Commissioners districts.

SEC. 11. For the purpose of representation in the legislature until otherwise provided by law the county of Grant shall be included in the First Senatorial District, and shall constitute the fifty-ninth representative district; and shall be entitled to one representative. Legislative districts.

SEC. 12. Until the county of Grant is organized by the appointment and qualification of its officers, the jurisdiction of the present officers of Douglas county shall remain in full force and effect in those portions of the territory constituting the said county of Grant. Organization.

SEC. 13. Within such time as they shall be transcribed after this act shall have become affective, the county auditor of Douglas county shall certify from the records of said county all records and all papers and documents on file in anywise affecting the title to any estate or property, real or personal situated within the county of Grant, and the county commissioners of Grant county, shall provide at the expense of the county, proper and suitable record books, to which the said records shall be transcribed, and Records.

shall transcribe said records as hereinafter provided, in legible writing, and said record books and papers shall be delivered to the auditor of Grant 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 originally been recorded or filed in the office of the auditor of Grant county.

Superior
court.

SEC. 14. All actions and proceedings which shall be pending in the superior court of Douglas county at the time of taking effect of this act, affecting the title or possession of real estate in Grant county, or in which all the parties are residents of Grant county, shall be transferred to the superior court of Grant county, and all further proceedings had therein shall be in Grant county, the same as if originally commenced in that county. All other proceedings civil or criminal now pending in the superior court of Douglas county, shall be prosecuted to the termination thereof in said county and court.

Court
records.

SEC. 15. All pleadings, process, documents and files in the office of the county clerk of Douglas county affecting pending suits and proceedings shall be transferred as provided in the preceding section, and all records therein transcribed as hereinafter provided, and certified by the county clerk of Douglas county, and transmitted to the county clerk of Grant county after said clerk shall have entered upon the duties of said office.

Transcribing
records.

SEC. 16. All records, documents, and papers of record, on file in the office of the county clerk, county auditor and all other officers of Douglas county, in anywise affecting the title or possession of real estate or other property in Grant county, and required to be transcribed, shall be transcribed and transmitted to the county clerk, county auditor, or other officer of Grant county by such person or persons as may be employed by the county of Grant for such purpose under the certificate of the county clerk, county auditor, and other officers of Douglas county, and said record and documents when so transcribed and trans-

ferred shall be received as evidence in all courts and places as originally recorded and filed, in the county of Grant.

SEC. 17. All records of Douglas county required by this act to be transcribed shall be transcribed by a person, to be employed by the county commissioners of Grant county as follows, to-wit: Said transcribing shall be done by a person or persons under contract, who shall receive said contract after bids for said work shall have been advertised and the contract given to the best bidder, all records so transcribed shall be certified by the officer of the respective offices from which said record shall be transcribed, under the seal of his office, in the manner following, to-wit: Each book of transcribed records shall be certified to be a correct transcript of the records of Douglas county, contained therein, and each officer so certifying shall finally certify to the completeness of all records as transcribed from his office. All original volumes of all records of the assessment rolls of Douglas county which include only property in the territory comprising the new county of Grant shall be transmitted to the county of Grant.

Records
transcribed
by contract.

SEC. 18. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

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