

## CHAPTER 118.

[H. B. 140.]

## SPECIAL POLICE FOR RAILROADS.

AN ACT relating to the appointment of special police at the request of steam or electric railroad corporations and defining their powers and duties.

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

SECTION 1. The governor shall have the power to and may in his discretion appoint and commission special police officers at the request of any steam or electric railroad corporation and may revoke any such appointment at his pleasure.

Authorizing  
appointment  
by governor.

SEC. 2. Any steam or electric railroad corporation desiring the appointment of any of its officers, agents or servants not exceeding five in number for any one division of any railroad operating in this state, (division, as herein intended, shall mean the part of any railroad or railroads under the jurisdiction of any one division superintendent), as special police officers shall file with the governor an application stating the name, age and place of residence of the person whose appointment it desires, the position he occupies with the steam or electric railroad corporation, the nature of his duties and the reasons why his appointment is desired, which application shall be signed by the president or some managing officer of the steam or electric railroad corporation and shall be accompanied by an affidavit of such officer to the effect that he is acquainted with the person whose appointment is sought, that he believes him to be of good moral character, and that he is of such character and experience that he can be safely entrusted with the powers of a police officer.

Application  
of railroad  
corporation  
for special  
police.

SEC. 3. Before receiving his commission each person appointed under the provisions of this act shall take, subscribe and file with the governor an oath to support the constitution of the United States the constitution and laws of the state and to faithfully perform the duties of his office.

Oath of  
policemen.

Duties  
restricted  
to railroad  
property.

SEC. 4. Every police officer appointed and commissioned under the provisions of this act shall when on duty have the power and authority conferred by law on peace officers, but shall exercise such power only in the protection of the property belonging to or under the control of the corporation at whose instance he is appointed and in preventing, and making arrest for, violations of law upon or in connection with such property.

Badge.

SEC. 5. Every such special police officer shall, when on duty, wear in plain view a metal shield bearing the words "special police" and the name of the corporation by which he is employed.

Liability  
of railroad  
for unlaw-  
ful acts.

SEC. 6. The corporation procuring the appointment of any special police shall be solely responsible for the compensation for his services and shall be liable civilly for any unlawful act of such officer resulting in damage to any person or corporation.

Passed the House March 5, 1915.

Passed the Senate March 10, 1915 .

Approved by the Governor March 17, 1915.

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## CHAPTER 119.

[H. B. 274.]

### APPOINTMENT OF ROAD SUPERVISORS.

AN ACT relating to the appointment of road supervisors and amending section 5578 of Remington and Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

Amends  
Rem.-Bal.  
§ 5578.

SECTION 1. That section 5578 of Rem. & Bal. Code be amended to read as follows:

Appointment  
by county  
commis-  
sioners.

Section 5578. The board of county commissioners may appoint from among the qualified electors in each county for such time as they may determine, with compensation not to exceed four dollars per diem for time and labor actually performed, a road supervisor who