

placed upon any state school or granted lands without written authority or after the expiration of a written lease shall become the property of the State of Washington and be considered a part of the land.

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## CHAPTER 148.

[S. B. 211.]

### ACCIDENT CLAIMS AGAINST CITIES, THEIR PRESENTATION AND ALLOWANCE.

AN ACT relating to claims for damages against cities and towns and amending sections 7996 and 7998 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7996 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 7996. Nothing in this act shall be construed as in any wise modifying, limiting or repealing any valid provision of the charter of any such city relating to such claims for damages, but the provisions of this act shall be in addition to such charter provision, and such claims for damages, in all other respects, shall conform to and comply with such charter provisions: *Provided*, That if the claimant shall be incapacitated from verifying and filing his claim for damages within the time prescribed by charter or if the claimant be a minor, then the claim may be verified and presented on behalf of said claimant by any relative or attorney or agent representing the injured person, and no action for damages now pending or hereafter brought shall be defeated by the failure of the person to verify or file the claim in person if action be brought within three years after the taking effect of this act where a claim has heretofore been verified and filed within the time and

Amends Rem.-Bal. § 7996, by provision for claims of minors and incapacitated persons.

Act cumulative with charter provisions.

When claims may be verified and filed by other than claimants.

in compliance with the terms of this act if said claim has been rejected.

SEC. 2. That section 7998 of Remington & Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington be amended to read as follows:

Section 7998. All claims for damages against any city or town of the second, third or fourth class must be presented to the city or town council and filed with the city or town clerk within thirty days after the time when such claim for damages accrued: *Provided*, That if the claimant shall be incapacitated from verifying and filing his claim for damages within said thirty days, or if the claimant be a minor, then the claim may be verified and presented on behalf of said claimant by any relative or attorney or agent representing the injured person, and no action for damages shall be defeated by the failure of the person to verify and file the claim in person if action be brought within three years after the taking effect of this act where a claim has heretofore been filed within the time and in compliance with the terms of this act if said claim has been rejected. No ordinance or resolution shall be passed allowing such claim or any part thereof, or appropriating any money or other property to pay or satisfy the same or any part thereof, until such claim has first been referred to the proper department or committee, nor until such department or committee has made its report to the council thereon pursuant to such reference. All such claims for damages must accurately locate and describe the defect that caused the injury, reasonably describe the injury and state the time when the same occurred, give the residence for six months last past of claimant, contain the items of damages claimed and be sworn to by the claimant or a relative, attorney or agent of the claimant. No action shall be maintained against any such city or town for any claim for damages until the same has been presented to the council and sixty days have elapsed after such presentation.

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Amends  
Item.-Bal.  
§ 7998, by  
adding  
proviso.

Presentation  
of claims in  
other than  
first class  
cities.

When may  
be filed by  
substitute.

Allowance  
of claims.

Contents  
of claim.

Action on  
claims.