

feet to the point of beginning, containing Thirty (30) acres, in Section Seventeen (17), Township Fourteen (14) North, of Range Two (2) West of W. M.

Passed by the Senate March 1, 1921.

Passed by the House March 8, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1921.

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## CHAPTER 79.

[S. B. 157.]

### DEFENSE OF STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES IN CIVIL ACTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the defense of state officers and employees in civil actions and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Request for  
defense at  
state  
expense.

SECTION 1. Whenever an action or proceeding for damages shall be instituted against any state officer or employee for the performance of any official act, such officer or employee may request the administrative board to authorize the defense of said action or proceeding at the expense of the state.

Expenses,  
from what  
fund payable.

SEC. 2. If the administrative board shall find that said officer or employee acted in good faith and without negligence, it shall grant said request, in which event the necessary expenses of the defense of said action or proceeding shall be paid from the appropriations made for the support of the department to which such officer or employee is attached. In such cases the attorney general shall appear and defend such officer or employee.

Exercise of  
powers and  
duties.

SEC. 3. The governor shall exercise all the powers and perform all the duties herein vested in and required to be performed by the administrative

board, until such time as said board shall be appointed and shall qualify.

SEC. 4. This act is necessary for the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately. Emergency.

Passed by the Senate February 23, 1921.

Passed by the House March 7, 1921.

Approved by the Governor March 14, 1921.

## CHAPTER 80.

[S. B. 73.]

### FRANCHISES ON STATE HIGHWAYS.

AN ACT relating to state highways, providing for the granting of franchises thereon outside of incorporated cities and towns, and providing penalties for violations thereof.

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

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to construct on, over, across, or along any state highway any water pipe, gas pipe, telegraph, telephone, or electric light or power lines, without having first obtained a franchise so to do in the manner hereinafter in this act provided.

Constructions on highways unlawful.

SEC. 2. The state highway board or committee shall have the power to grant franchises to persons or corporations to use a state highway outside of incorporated cities and towns for the construction and maintenance of water pipes, gas pipes, telephone, telegraph, and electric light and power lines. All applications for such franchises shall be made in writing and subscribed by the applicant, and shall describe the state highway or portion thereof over which franchise is desired, and the nature of the franchise. Upon the filing of any such application

Granting of franchises.