

tion of the improvement shall be governed by the laws relating to municipal public utilities.

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CHAPTER 177.

[S. B. 228.]

CENSUS OF COUNTIES.

AN ACT relating to classification of counties and the enumeration of population for purposes of classification and providing penalties, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith.

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

SECTION 1. Whenever the board of county commissioners of any county shall determine that its county has sufficient population to entitle it to advance to a higher class, and shall pass a resolution setting forth its estimate as to the population and the classification to which such county is entitled by reason of such estimated population it may order a census to be taken of all the inhabitants of the county.

Census
ordered by
commissioners.

How taken.

SEC. 2. For the purpose of making such enumeration, the board of county commissioners may employ one or more suitable persons. The census shall give the full name, age and occupation, if any, of each person resident in said county as of a date to be fixed by the board. The names shall be plainly written, alphabetically arranged and numbered in complete series. Each person employed as an enumerator shall prepare a complete list of all names taken by him and shall verify his list as true and

correct before an officer authorized to administer oaths. All such lists shall be filed with the county auditor of the county to which they pertain.

SEC. 3. Following the completion of such census, the board of county commissioners shall determine the population of the county based upon such census, and enter an order declaring and fixing the population of the county in accordance with such determination, and from and after the entry of such order the county shall be considered and classified for all purposes according to the population thus determined.

County classification based on census.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of all persons residents in such county, having knowledge of the facts, to give the information required herein to any duly authorized census enumerator when requested by such enumerator.

Information for census enumerator.

SEC. 5. No census enumeration under this act shall be made within three years following the taking of any federal census; nor shall any census enumeration be made within three years prior to the time when any federal census will be taken under any existing acts of Congress. The expense of such census enumeration shall be paid from the county current expense fund.

When census taken.

SEC. 6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act; or any officer or enumerator making, assisting or permitting any duplication of names or making, permitting or assisting in the enumeration of any fictitious names or persons in taking said census, shall be guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

Penalty.

SEC. 7. All acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

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