

Amends Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 6796;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 6821.

Inland Empire  
Highway,  
eastern route.

SEC. 16. That section 6796 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended to read as follows:

Section 6796. A primary state highway is established as follows: A highway known as the eastern route of the Inland Empire Highway beginning at a point on the Idaho and Washington line where the same crosses the public road known as the Lewiston and Uniontown Road; thence over the most feasible route through Pullman, Palouse and Garfield; thence in a northerly direction through Oakesdale to a junction with the Inland Empire Highway at or in the vicinity of Rosalia.

Repeals Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 6791 to 6795,  
6797 to 6806,  
6808, 6809,  
6811 to 6813  
and 6816;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 6817 to 6820,  
6822 to 6825e,  
6838, 6839,  
6841, 6847,  
6848, 6852,  
6856.

SEC. 17. That sections 6791, 6792, 6793, 6794, 6795, 6797, 6798, 6799, 6800, 6801, 6802, 6803, 6804, 6805, 6806, 6808, 6809, 6811, 6812, 6813 and 6816 of Remington's Compiled Statutes be, and they are hereby, repealed.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1923.

Passed the House March 6, 1923.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1923.

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## CHAPTER 186.

[S. B. 217.]

### SAFE DEPOSIT COMPANIES.

AN ACT regulating the business of safe deposit companies, defining certain terms, fixing the liability of such companies, providing certain remedies for the enforcement of the liabilities of depositors, renters and lessees of safes, vaults and other receptacles, and for the disposal of the property therein in case of default.

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

SECTION 1. The term safe deposit company as used in this act shall be construed to extend to and include all banks, trust companies and other corporations organized under the laws of the State of

Term defined.

Washington or of the United States of America, and doing business in the State of Washington; which are empowered by law to let vaults, safes or other receptacles upon the premises occupied by such bank, trust company or corporation.

SEC. 2. Whenever any safe deposit company shall take or receive as bailee for hire and for safe keeping or storage any jewelry, plate, money, specie, bullion, stocks, bonds, mortgages, securities, or valuable paper of any kind, or other valuable personal property, and shall have issued a receipt therefor, it shall be deemed to be a warehouseman as to such property and the provisions of the Uniform Warehouse receipts act, same being Section 3587 to 3646, inclusive, of Remington's Compiled Statutes, shall apply to such deposit, or to the proceeds thereof, to the same extent and with the same effect, and be enforceable in the same manner as is now provided with reference to warehousemen in said act.

Deemed a  
warehouseman.

See Rem.  
Comp. Stat.  
§ 3587 to 3646;  
Pierce's Code  
§ 7141 to 7201.

SEC. 3. Whenever any safe deposit company shall let or lease any vault, safe, box or other receptacle for the keeping or storage of personal property such safe deposit company shall be bound to exercise due care to prevent the opening of such vault, safe, box or receptacle by any person other than the lessee thereof, or his or her duly authorized agent, and said parties may provide in writing the terms, conditions and liabilities in said lease.

Due care to  
be exercised.

SEC. 4. The amount due for the rental of any safe or box in the vaults of any safe deposit company shall not have been paid for one year, it may, at the expiration thereof, send to the person in whose name such safe or box stands on its books a notice in writing in a securely closed, postpaid and registered letter, directed to such person at his postoffice address, as recorded upon the books of the safe deposit company, notifying such person that if the

Rental  
unpaid.

Notice mailed  
renter.

amount due for the rental of such safe or box is not paid within thirty days from date, the safe deposit company will then cause such safe or box to be opened, and the contents thereof to be inventoried, sealed, and placed in one of its general safes or boxes.

Upon the expiration of thirty days from the date of mailing such notice, and the failure of the person in whose name the safe or box stands on the books of the company to pay the amount due for the rental thereof to the date of notice, the corporation may, in the presence of a notary public and of its president or secretary, cashier or treasurer, cause such safe or box to be opened, and the contents thereof, if any, to be removed, inventoried and sealed up by such notary public in a package, upon which the notary public shall distinctly mark the name of the person in whose name the safe or box stood on the books of the company, and the date of removal of the property, and when such package has been so marked for identification by the notary public, it shall, in the presence of the president, secretary, treasurer or cashier of the company, be placed by the notary public in one of the general safes or boxes of the company at a rental not to exceed the original rental of the safe or box which was opened, and shall remain in such general safe or box for a period of not less than two years, unless sooner removed by the owner thereof, and the notary public shall thereupon file with the company a certificate under seal, which shall fully set out the date of the opening of such safe or box, the name of the person in whose name it stood and a list of the contents, if any.

A copy of such certificate shall within ten days thereafter be mailed to the person in whose name the safe or box so opened stood on the books of the company, at his last known post-office address, in a securely closed, postpaid and registered letter, to-

Box opened,  
contents  
inventoried.

Notary  
certificate.

Copy of  
certificate  
mailed renter.

gether with a notice that the contents will be kept, at the expense of such person, in a general safe or box in the vaults of the company, for a period of not less than two years. At any time after the mailing of such certificate and notice, and before the expiration of two years, such person may require the delivery of the contents of the safe as shown by said certificate, upon the payment of all rentals due at the time of opening of the safe or box, the cost of opening the box, the fees of the notary public for issuing his certificate thereon, and the payment of all further charges accrued during the period the contents remained in the general safe or box of the company.

After the expiration of two years from the time of mailing the certificate herein provided for, the company shall mail in a securely closed postpaid registered letter, addressed to such person at his last known post-office address, a notice stating that two years have elapsed since the opening of the safe or box and the mailing of the certificate thereof, and that the company will sell all the property or articles of value set out in said certificate, at a time and place to be stated in such notice, not less than thirty days after the time of mailing such notice, and stating the amount which shall have then become due for rental up to the time of opening such safe, the cost of opening thereof, and the further cost of safekeeping all of its contents for the period since the opening of the safe or box. Unless such person shall pay on or before the day mentioned all said sums, and all the charges accruing to the time of payment, including advertising, the company may sell all the property or articles of value set out in said certificate, at public auction, at the time and place stated in said notice, provided a notice of the time and place of sale has been published once within ten days

Notice of intention to sell contents, mailed renter.

Sale.

prior to the sale in a newspaper published in the County where the sale is held.

Proceeds,  
disposal.

From the proceeds of the sale, the company shall deduct all its charges as stated in said notice, together with any further charges that shall have accrued since the mailing thereof, including reasonable expenses for notices, advertising, and sale. The balance, if any, of such proceeds shall be deposited by the company within thirty days after the receipt of the same, with the county treasurer, of the county where the sale was held. The company shall file with such deposit a certificate stating the name and last known place of residence of the owner of the property sold, the articles sold, the price obtained therefor, and showing that the notices herein required were duly mailed and that the sale was advertised as required herein. The officer with whom such balance is deposited shall credit the same to the owner of the property, and pay the same to such owner, his assignee, or legal representative, on demand and satisfactory evidence of identity. If such balance remains in the possession of such officer for a period of ten years, unclaimed by the person legally entitled thereto, it shall be transferred to the State Treasurer for the benefit of the permanent school fund of the State of Washington.

Transferred  
to state  
treasury.

Documents  
and letters  
preserved.

SEC. 5. Whenever the contents of any such safe or box, so opened, shall consist either wholly or in part, of documents or letters or other papers of a private nature, such documents, letters, or papers shall not be sold, but shall be retained by the company for a period of five years from the time of the opening of the box, and, unless sooner claimed by the owner, may be thereafter destroyed in the presence of an officer of the corporation and a notary public not an officer or employee of the corporation.

Destroyed.

Remedies  
available  
to companies.

The provision of this section shall not preclude any other remedy by action or otherwise now exist-

ing for the enforcement of the claims of a corporation against the person in whose name such safe or box stood, nor bar the right of a safe deposit company to recover so much of the debt due it as shall not be paid by the proceeds of the sale of the property deposited with it.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1923.

Passed the House March 6, 1923.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,  
*Secretary of State.*

## CHAPTER 187.

[S. B. 66.]

### TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND.

AN ACT providing for the creation, management and maintenance of a state teachers' retirement fund and defining the powers and duties of officers in relation thereto.

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

SECTION 1. The word "teacher" wherever used in this act shall be held and construed to mean and include any person regularly employed as teacher, instructor, principal, supervisor, state, county or city superintendent, in the public schools of this state, or as an assistant to any such teacher, instructor, principal, supervisor or superintendent. The word "member" wherever used in the act shall be held and construed to mean and include any teacher who shall be a contributor to the retirement fund mentioned in section 2, also any person who shall be an annuitant of such fund, also any teacher while temporarily absent on leave for professional preparation, as hereinafter provided. The word "annuitant" wherever used in this act shall be held and construed to mean and include any member who

Definitions:

Teacher.

Member.

Annuitant.