

not since been found sane by any competent authority authorized by law.

4. From a father, or mother, who has been found by a court of competent jurisdiction to have deserted or abandoned such child without provision for his or her identification. Child abandoned.

If in either of the cases above mentioned the child has a legal guardian, the consent of such guardian shall be required and if the child has no legal guardian, then the court shall appoint a discreet and suitable person to act in the proceedings for adoption as the next friend of such child. Appointment of next friend.

Either spouse may adopt the child of the other. Adoption by step-parent.

SEC. 2. That chapter XXXIV (34) of the Laws of 1897, pages 46-47, and chapter 155 of the Laws of 1905, pages 296-297, are hereby repealed. Statutes repealed.

Passed the Senate January 26, 1927.

Passed the House February 11, 1927.

Approved by the Governor February 21, 1927.

## CHAPTER 159.

[S. B. 48.]

### GOVERNMENT OF THIRD CLASS CITIES.

AN ACT relating to the government of cities of the third class and the terms of appointive officers, and amending Section 3 of Chapter 184 of the Laws of 1915.

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

SECTION 1. That section 3 of chapter 184 of the Laws of 1915, pages 650-651, (section 9116 of Remington's Compiled Statutes; section 786 of Pierce's 1919 Code) be amended to read as follows: § 3, Ch. 184, L. 1915; § 9116, Rem. Stats.; § 786, Pierce's 1919 Code.

Section 3. The mayor, councilman - at - large, treasurer, city attorney and clerk shall be elected in the year 1915 for the term of one year. Such officers shall be elected in the year 1916 and biennially there- Election. Terms of office.

Class A and  
first class  
counties.

Appointive  
officers.

Expiration  
of term of  
office.

Hold until  
successor  
qualifies.

after for terms of two years. Three councilmen, other than councilman-at-large, shall be elected in the year 1915 for terms of three years. Three councilmen, other than councilman-at-large, shall be elected in the year 1916 and biennially thereafter for terms of four years. All such elections shall be by the qualified electors of such city at a general municipal election to be held therein on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in December, except in class A counties and counties of the first class. All elective officers shall hold office from and after the first Tuesday in January next succeeding the date of election and until their successors are elected and qualified. The mayor shall appoint a chief of police, police judge, city engineer, street superintendent, health officer and such other officers as shall be provided by ordinance. The term of every appointive officer shall expire at the same time as that of the mayor appointing him unless such officer be sooner removed by the mayor by and with the consent of not less than four councilmen: *Provided*, That every such officer not so removed shall continue to hold office until the appointment, confirmation and qualification of his successor in office appointed by the mayor succeeding to the office of the mayor whose term has expired.

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