

CHAPTER 173.

[H. B. 186.]

VENUE OF CIVIL ACTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the venue of civil actions and repealing certain acts in relation thereto.

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

SECTION 1. An action may be brought in any county in which the defendant resides, or, if there be more than one defendant, where some one of the defendants resides at the time of the commencement of the action. For the purpose of this act, the residence of a corporation defendant shall be deemed to be in any county where the corporation transacts business or has an office for the transaction of business or transacted business at the time the cause of action arose or where any person resides upon whom process may be served upon the corporation, unless hereinafter otherwise provided.

Action brought in county where one defendant resides.

Residence of corporation defendant.

Service of process.

SEC. 2. An action against a non-resident of the state may be brought in any county where service of process may be had.

Action against non-resident.

SEC. 3. If an action is brought in the wrong county, the action may nevertheless be tried therein unless the defendant, at the time he appears and demurs or answers, files an affidavit of merits and demands that the trial be had in the proper county.

Action brought in wrong county.

SEC. 4. That chapter 42 of the Laws of 1909 (the same being section 206 of Remington's Compiled Statutes and section 8543 of Pierce's 1919 Code), and section 1 of chapter XXXIII of the Laws of 1891 (the same being sections 207 and 208 of Remington's Compiled Statutes, and section 8544 of Pierce's 1919 Code) are hereby repealed.

Statutes repealed.

Passed the House January 31, 1927.

Passed the Senate February 9, 1927.

Approved by the Governor February 23, 1927.