

## CHAPTER 148.

[H. B. 314.]

## UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

AN ACT authorizing cities of the first and second class to sell unclaimed personal property in the possession of their police authorities; fixing the manner and sale thereof, and providing for the disposal of the proceeds of such sale; and amending sections 1, 3 and 4 of chapter 100 of the Laws of 1925, Extraordinary Session (sections 8999-1, 8999-3 and 8999-4 of Remington's Revised Statutes).

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

SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 100 of the Laws of 1925, Extraordinary Session (section 8999-1 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 8999-1 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.

Section 1. Whenever any personal property shall come into the possession of the police authorities of any city of the first or second class in connection with the official performance of their duties and said personal property shall remain unclaimed or not taken away for a period of six months from date of written notice to the owner thereof, if known, and in all other cases for a period of six months from the time said property came into the possession of the police department, unless said property has been held as evidence in any court, then, in that event, after six months from date when said case has been finally disposed of and said property released as evidence by order of the court, said city may at any time thereafter sell said personal property at public auction to the highest and best bidder for cash in the manner hereinafter provided.

Sale of  
unclaimed  
personal  
property in  
possession  
of police.

SEC. 2. Section 3 of chapter 100 of the Laws of 1925, Extraordinary Session (section 8999-3 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Amends  
§ 8999-3 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.

Application  
of proceeds.

Section 3. The moneys arising from sales under the provisions of this act shall be first applied to the payment of the costs and expenses of the sale and then to the payment of lawful charges and expenses for the keep of said personal property and the balance, if any, shall be paid into the Police Pension Fund of said city if such fund exists; otherwise into the City Current Expense Fund.

Amends  
§ 8994-4 Rem.  
Rev. Stat.

SEC. 3. Section 4 of chapter 100 of the Laws of 1925, Extraordinary Session (section 8999-4 of Remington's Revised Statutes) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Owner  
may recover  
within  
three years.

Section 4. If the owner of said personal property so sold, or his legal representative, shall, at any time within three years after such money shall have been deposited in said Police Pension Fund or the City Current Expense Fund, furnish satisfactory evidence to the Police Pension Fund Board or the City Treasurer of said city of the ownership of said personal property he or they shall be entitled to receive from said Police Pension Fund or City Current Expense Fund the amount so deposited therein with interest.

Passed the House March 2, 1939.

Passed the Senate March 9, 1939.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1939.