

CHAPTER 204.

[S. B. 71.]

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

AN ACT relating to the issuance of marriage licenses and repealing section 8450 of Remington's Revised Statutes (Pierce's Code 3717), and providing for the issuance of marriage licenses in county of residence, for three-day notice of intention, and for waiver in the event of emergency.

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

Repeals
§ 8450 Rem.
Rev. Stat.;
§ 3717 P. C.

SECTION 1. That section 12, page 83, of Session Laws of 1866, as amended by the Code of 1881, section 2390, the same now being section 8450 of Remington's Revised Statutes and section 3717 of Pierce's Code, be and the same is hereby repealed.

License pro-
cured from
county
auditor.

SEC. 2. Before any persons can be joined in marriage, they shall procure a license from a County Auditor, as hereinafter provided, authorizing any person or religious organization or congregation to join together the persons therein named as husband and wife.

Non-resi-
dent,
application
by mail.

SEC. 3. A non-resident of this state may secure by mail from the County Auditor of the county in the State of Washington where he intends to be married, an application, and execute and acknowledge said application before a notary public of the state of his residence.

Application
to be filed
three days
before
license
issued.

SEC. 4. Application for such marriage license must be made and filed with the appropriate County Auditor upon blanks to be provided by the County Auditor for that purpose at least three full days before the license shall be issued, which application shall be under the oath of each of the applicants, and each application shall state the name, address at the time of execution of application, age, color, occupation, birthplace, whether single, widowed or di-

forced, and whether under control of a guardian, residence during the past six months, together with the name and address of at least one competent witness who can testify that the residence given by the applicant is bona fide: *Provided*, That each county may require such other and further information on said application as it shall deem necessary: *And provided further, however*, That after the execution of the application for, and the issuance of a license, no county shall require the persons authorized to solemnize marriages to obtain any further information from the parties to be married.

SEC. 5. Any such application shall be open to public inspection as a part of the records of the office of such County Auditor, and all applications which have been filed within three days shall be kept separately, and readily accessible to public examination.

Applications accessible to public examination.

SEC. 6. Such County Auditor shall issue no license until the third full day following the filing of such application, exclusive of the date of filing said application: *Provided, however*, That a Judge of the Superior Court for such county may, by an order in writing signed by him, direct the Auditor to deliver such license at any time after the application therefor, and said order shall be placed on file by the County Auditor as a public document, and shall constitute compliance with the provisions of this act. In all cases, the license shall state that the parties therein named have complied with the provisions of this section.

License issued upon court order.

SEC. 7. Any County Auditor is hereby authorized to refuse to issue a license to marry if, in his discretion, the applications executed by the parties or information coming to his knowledge as a result of the execution of said applications, justifies said refusal: *Provided, however*, The denied parties may appeal to the Superior Court of said county for an order to show cause, directed to said County Auditor

Refusal of county auditor to issue.

Appeal.

to appear before said court to show why said court should not grant an order to issue a license to said denied parties and, after due hearing, or if the Auditor fails to appear, said court may in its discretion, issue an order to said Auditor directing him to issue said license; any hearings held by a Superior Court under this act may, in the discretion of said court, be held in chambers.

Penalty.

SEC. 8. Any person intentionally violating any provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

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Approved by the Governor March 19, 1939.

CHAPTER 205.

[S. B. 467.]

STATE GRANTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS.

AN ACT relating to unemployment; providing for the relief of unemployed persons by making available funds for the sponsoring of public works and work relief projects on the part of the state and its political subdivisions, and by emergency grants-in-aid to counties for general assistance purposes; defining the duties of certain officers in relation thereto; making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency whereby the act shall take effect April 1, 1939.

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

State aid,
political
subdivisions.

SECTION 1. The Federal government for the relief of unemployment has made and will continue to make available to the state and its political subdivisions funds for public works and work relief projects. The political subdivisions of the state are financially unable to take full advantage of Federal grants for such purposes. Therefore, in order to in-