

CHAPTER 117.

[S. H. B. 278.]

PUBLIC CARRIERS—UNDERCHARGES.

AN ACT fixing the period in which actions at law for collection of undercharges may be begun by public carriers.

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

SECTION 1. All actions at law by railroads, common and contract carriers by motor truck and all other public carriers for recovery of their charges, or any part of them, for any common carrier service performed by said carriers, shall be begun within two (2) years from the time the cause of action accrues, and not after.

Limitation of actions for common carrier charges.

Passed the House February 27, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 118.

[H. B. 295.]

HOSPITALS—COUNTY-CITY.

AN ACT relating to the operation of county and county-city hospitals; and amending section 7, chapter 139, Laws of 1931 (section 6090-15, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-29); and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. Section 7, chapter 139, Laws of 1931 (section 6090-15, Remington's Revised Statutes, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 636-29), is amended to read as follows:

Amendments.

Section 7. The Board of Trustees shall:

(1) Have general supervision and care of such hospitals and institutions and the buildings and

grounds thereof and power to do all and everything necessary to the proper maintenance thereof within the limits of the appropriations authorized.

(2) Employ and fix the salary of a General Superintendent, who shall furnish a bond in such amount as may be fixed by the Board and which shall be subject to approval of the Board. The General Superintendent shall become an ex-officio member and secretary of the Board of Trustees, and shall devote his entire time exclusively to the management of the hospital and institution and shall not engage in any other business or profession of any nature whatsoever. After January 1, 1947, the General Superintendent shall not be qualified for appointment unless he shall have had not less than three (3) years of experience as superintendent, or assistant superintendent, of a general hospital. The General Superintendent may be removed for misfeasance or malfeasance in the following manner: Written notice setting forth the specific acts constituting the charges shall be served upon the General Superintendent, and the notice shall fix a time and place for hearing on the charges. At such hearing the General Superintendent shall be given an opportunity to be present and meet the charges and be heard in his defense against the charges. The charges shall be heard before a tribunal consisting of the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, the Prosecuting Attorney and the County Auditor of the county in which the hospital or institution is situated.

Powers of
hospital
trustee.

(3) Prepare, in accordance with the provisions of the county budget law and file with the County Auditor or if the hospital has been established by more than one county, with the County Auditor of each county, and if a city has contributed to the establishment of the hospital, with the official of the city charged by law with the preparation of the city budget, a detailed and itemized estimate, both of

probable revenues from sources other than taxation and of all expenditures required from such county, or counties and city, as the case may be, by such hospital or institution for the ensuing fiscal year.

(4) File during the first week in January of each year with the County Commissioners of each county and the City Council or governing body of any city contributing to the establishment of such hospital, a report covering the proceedings of the board with reference to such hospital, and a statement of all receipts and expenditures during the preceding calendar year.

(5) Have the power to accept property by gift, devise, bequest or otherwise for the use of such hospital or institution.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately. Effective immediately.

Passed the House March 3, 1945.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1945.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1945.

CHAPTER 119.

[H. B. 282.]

TRANSFER OF STATE LAND TO KING COUNTY.

AN ACT authorizing conveyance of certain lands in King County from the State of Washington to the County of King; authorizing the Commissioner of Public Lands to convey the same by appropriate deed, and reserving the gravel rights therein.

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

SECTION 1. The Commissioner of Public Lands of the State of Washington is hereby authorized and directed to certify in the manner now provided by law in other cases to the Governor for deed to the