

CHAPTER 256.

[S. B. 247.]

HABEAS CORPUS.

AN ACT relating to the remedy of habeas corpus, and amending section 677 of the Code of 1881, as last amended by section 1 of chapter XLIII of the Laws of 1891 (Sec. 1075 Rem. Rev. Stat., 58-23 PPC).

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

Persons unable to pay costs.

SECTION 1. Any person entitled to prosecute a writ of habeas corpus who, by reason of poverty is unable to pay the costs of such proceeding or give security therefor, may file in the Court having original jurisdiction of the proceeding an affidavit setting forth such facts and that he believes himself to be entitled to the redress sought. Upon the filing of such an affidavit the Court may, if satisfied that the proceeding or appeal is instituted or taken in good faith, order that such proceeding, including appeal, may be prosecuted without prepayment of fees or costs or the giving of security therefor.

Affidavit.

Order.

Federal question.

SEC. 2. In the consideration of any petition for a writ of habeas corpus by the Supreme Court, whether in an original proceeding or upon an appeal, if any Federal question shall be presented by the pleadings, it shall be the duty of the Supreme Court to determine in its opinion whether or not the petitioner has been denied a right guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

SEC. 3. Section 677 of the Code of 1881, as last amended by section 1 of chapter XLIII of the Laws of 1891 (Sec. 1075 Rem. Rev. Stat., 58-23 PPC) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Petition not to be considered.

Section 677. No court or judge shall inquire into the legality of any judgment or process whereby the party is in custody, or discharge him when the

term of commitment has not expired, in either of the cases following:

(1) Upon any process issued on any final ^{Final} judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction except where it is alleged in the petition that rights guaranteed the petitioner by the Constitution of the State of Washington or of the United States have been violated. ^{Judgments.}

(2) For any contempt of any court, officer or ^{Contempts.} body having authority in the premises to commit; but an order of commitment, as for a contempt upon proceedings to enforce the remedy of a party, is not included in any of the foregoing specifications.

(3) Upon a warrant issued from the Superior ^{Warrants.} Court upon an indictment or information.

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Passed the House March 9, 1947.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1947.

CHAPTER 257.

[H. B. 352.]

SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS.

AN ACT relating to Savings and Loan Associations and amending chapter 235, Laws of 1945 (Sections 3717-120 to 3717-239 Remington's 1945 Supplement; 1945 PPC 453-251 to 453-491).

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

SECTION 1. Section 14 of chapter 235, Laws of 1945 (Sec. 3717-133 Rem. 1945 Supp., 1945 PPC 453-277) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 14. The business and affairs of every ^{Board of} Association shall be managed and controlled by a ^{Directors.} Board of not less than seven (7) nor more than fifteen (15) directors, a majority of which shall not be officers or employees of the Association. The persons designated in the articles of incorporation shall be the first directors.