

CHAPTER 160.

[H. B. 113.]

PRESERVATION AND EXHIBITION OF HISTORICAL MATERIALS.

AN ACT relating to historical materials, their preservation and exhibition, authorizing the governing bodies of counties, cities and towns to afford facilities therefor.

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

Storage, preservation and exhibition of historical materials is public project.

SECTION 1. The storage, preservation and exhibit of historical materials, including but not restricted to books, maps, writings, newspapers, ancient articles and tools of handicraft, antiques, artifacts and relics is hereby declared to be a public project carried on for public purpose and the governing body of any county, city or town may provide quarters therefor within the territorial limits thereof.

Quarters may be provided.

Maximum amount counties may spend.

SEC. 2. The maximum amount which any county may expend for this purpose in any one year shall be as follows:

(1) For a county with a population of not over twenty-five thousand, the limit shall be two thousand dollars;

(2) For a county with a population of not over fifty thousand, the limit shall be thirty-five hundred dollars;

(3) For a county with a population of over fifty thousand, the limit shall be five thousand dollars.

Custody may be given to an historical society.

SEC. 3. A county, city or town which has provided quarters for the storage, preservation of [or] exhibit of historical materials may award custody thereof, as trustee, to the Washington State Historical Society, or the Eastern Washington State Historical Society or any society affiliated with or approved by either of them.

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