

CHAPTER 136.

[H. B. 338.]

ACTIONS AGAINST THE STATE.

AN ACT relating to suits against the state of Washington; and adding a new section to chapter 4.92 RCW.

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

New section.

SECTION 1. There is added to chapter 4.92 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Actions for tortious conduct against state authorized—Venue.

The state of Washington, whether acting in its governmental or proprietary capacity, hereby consents to the maintaining of a suit or action against it for damages arising out of its tortious conduct to the same extent as if it were a private person or corporation. The suit or action shall be maintained in the county in which the cause of action arises: *Provided*, That this section shall not affect any special statute relating to procedure for filing notice of claims against the state or any agency, department or officer of the state.

Passed the House February 8, 1961.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1961.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1961.