

upon the petition, an election shall be called in the area merged.

In the event that either board of fire district commissioners should not concur with the petition, the petition may then be presented to a county review board established for such purposes, if there be no county review board for such purposes then to the state review board and if there be no state review board, then to the county commissioners of the county in which the area to be merged is situated, who shall decide if the area can be better served by such a merger; upon an affirmative decision an election shall be called in the area merged.

A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary to approve the transfer. If the original petition should be signed by at least seventy-five percent of the electors in the area to be transferred, no vote shall be necessary.

Passed the House February 21, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1963.

CHAPTER 43.

[H. B. 190.]

PROBATE—CLAIMS AGAINST ESTATES.

AN ACT relating to probate law and procedure; and amending section 109, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.40.030.

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

SECTION 1. Section 109, chapter 156, Laws of 1917 and RCW 11.40.030 are each amended to read as follows:

When a claim, accompanied by the affidavit required in RCW 11.40.020 has been served and filed, it shall be the duty of the executor or administrator to indorse thereon his allowance or rejection, with

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the day and date thereof. If he allow the claim, it shall be presented to the judge of the court, who shall in the same manner indorse on it his allowance or rejection, or he may by order allow or reject the claim. If the executor or administrator reject the claim in whole or in part, he shall notify the claimant forthwith of said rejection and file in the office of the clerk an affidavit showing such notification and the date thereof. Such notification shall be by personal service or registered mail.

Claims against estate—Failure to act.

If the executor or administrator shall neglect for the period of sixty days after service upon him or his attorney to act upon any such claim, the claimant may take the matter up before the court and the court may require the executor or administrator to act on such claim and in its discretion may impose costs and attorney's fees.

Passed the House February 28, 1963.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1963.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1963.

CHAPTER 44.

[H. B. 195.]

MOTOR VEHICLES—STOLEN AND ABANDONED VEHICLES.

AN ACT relating to motor vehicles; and amending section 46.52-.110, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, and RCW 46.52.110.

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

RCW 46.52.110 amended.

SECTION 1. Section 46.52.110, chapter 12, Laws of 1961, and RCW 46.52.110 are each amended to read as follows:

Stolen and abandoned vehicles. Reports of.

It shall be the duty of the sheriff of every county, the chief of police or chief police officer of every incorporated city and town of this state, constables and members of the Washington state patrol to re-