

CHAPTER XIV.

[H. B. No. 94.]

RELATING TO PENSION PAPERS.

AN ACT making it unlawful for any judge, or county officer, to charge soldiers or seamen, or the widows, orphans, or legal representatives thereof, any fee for services in matters pertaining to pensions or pension dues, and declaring an emergency.

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

Services of
officers free.

SECTION 1. That no judge, or clerk of court, county clerk, county auditor, or any other county officer, shall be allowed to charge any honorably discharged soldier or seaman, or the widow, orphan, or legal representative thereof, any fee for administering any oath, or giving any official certificate for the procuring of any pension, bounty, or back pay, nor for administering any oath or oaths and giving the certificate required upon any voucher for collection of periodical dues from the pension agent, nor any fee for services rendered in perfecting any voucher.

Offense defined.

SEC. 2. That any such officer who may require and accept fees for such services shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than ten dollars nor more than fifty dollars.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. That all laws in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Emergency.

SEC. 4. Whereas, the present law requires the officers aforesaid to charge and collect all fees prescribed by law, without exempting the persons named in section 1 of this act; therefore, an emergency is declared, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the governor.

Approved February 20, 1891.