

CHAPTER LXXVIII.

[S. B. No. 170.]

RELATING TO DEPOSITIONS.

AN ACT to amend section 1672 of volume II of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington, relating to depositions, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. That section 1672 of volume 2 of Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: "Sec. 1672.

Superior judge
may grant
commission
to take
depositions.

Any superior court in this state, or any judge thereof, is authorized to grant a commission to take depositions within or without this state. The commission must be issued to a person or persons therein named, by the clerk,

Notice
necessary.

under the seal of the court granting the same, and depositions under it may be taken upon written interrogatories or upon oral questions or partly upon oral and partly upon written interrogatories. Before any such commission shall be granted, the person intending to apply therefor shall serve upon the adverse party a notice of his intention to make such application, stating the time when and the place where such application will be made, which notice shall be served in the same manner and for the same time as provided in section 1668, unless the court or judge, for sufficient cause shown by affidavit, prescribe a shorter time.

Judge to
settle the in-
terrogatories.

At the time the application is presented, the court or judge shall settle the interrogatories, if any have been served and the parties have not settled the same. The clerk, upon issuing the commission, shall attach the interrogatories thereto, if any have been agreed upon or settled by the court, and immediately forward the same to the commissioner. At least five days' notice must be given to the party or witness to be examined out of the state, in case such examination shall be had upon oral interrogatories, and the person before whom the deposition of the witness shall be taken shall have the same power to compel the attendance of such parties or witnesses as any person authorized to take such deposition within this state."

Time allowed.

SEC. 2. An emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate March 11, 1897.

Passed the House March 11, 1897.

Approved by the Governor March 16, 1897.

CHAPTER LXXIX.

[S. B. No. 174.]

RELATING TO DISORGANIZATION OF IRRIGATION DISTRICTS.

AN ACT providing for the disorganization and liquidation of irrigation districts which have no bonded indebtedness, and the winding up of their affairs.

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

SECTION 1. Any irrigation district, organized and existing by virtue of the laws of this state, which has no bonded indebtedness outstanding, may be disorganized and its business and affairs liquidated and wound up in the manner hereinafter provided. Irrigation district may disorganize.

SEC. 2. A petition signed by one-third or more holders of title or evidence of title to lands within said district who shall be qualified electors thereof, reciting the fact that said district has no bonded indebtedness and praying that said district be disorganized under the provisions of this act, shall be delivered to the secretary of the board of directors of said district or to one of the directors thereof. Petition for.

SEC. 3. Upon the delivery of said petition the board of directors of said irrigation district shall, at their next succeeding regular monthly meeting, order an election, the date of which election shall be within twenty days from the date of said meeting of the board of directors and which election shall be conducted as other elections of irrigation districts are conducted. At said election the qualified electors of said irrigation district shall cast ballots which shall contain the words "Disorganize, Yes," or Election ordered. Ballots.