

union so merging shall be deemed to have been assumed by the credit union or association under whose charter the merger is effected, and thereafter the charter of the credit union so merging shall be null and void and it shall cease to exist.

Powers,
how
exercised.

SEC. 33. The powers herein given to and to be exercised by the director of efficiency may, upon his direction, be exercised through and by means of the director of the division of savings and loan created under the act of January 15, 1926.

Violation.

SEC. 34. Any officer, director, agent or employee of any credit union who shall knowingly violate or consent to or connive at the violation of any provisions of this act, for violation of which a penalty is not herein otherwise provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Passed the House March 9, 1933.

Passed the Senate March 8, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1933.

CHAPTER 174.

[H. B. 303.]

COUNTY HOSPITALS.

AN ACT relating to and regulating the maintenance and operation of hospitals for the care of persons suffering from disease, illness or infirmity, by counties and counties and cities jointly; providing for appeals by trustees of such hospitals from orders of removal; amending section 3 of chapter 139 of the Laws of 1931; and declaring that this act shall take effect immediately.

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

Amends
§ 3, ch. 139,
Laws of 1931.

SECTION 1. That section 3 of chapter 139 of the Laws of 1931 be and is amended to read as follows:

Trustees:
vacancy.

Section 3. Any vacancy in the board of trustees, except that of an ex-officio member, shall be filled by appointment by the board making the orig-

inal appointment, and such appointee shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the trustee in whose stead he is appointed. The board of county commissioners appointing a member of the board of trustees may by unanimous vote remove any trustee for misconduct or neglect of duty, but no such removal shall be made unless the board shall serve written notice upon the trustee, setting forth specifically the charges of misconduct or neglect of duty and fixing a time and place for hearing thereon at which the trustee charged shall be given full opportunity to be present, meet the charges and be heard in his own defense against the charges. Any trustee so removed may appeal from the order of removal to the superior court of the county of the removing board of county commissioners within the time and in the manner provided in section 4076 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington, and thereupon such board of county commissioners shall certify to said court the causes upon which the order of removal was based, together with all records and files in the office of such board pertaining to the matter of removal. The court shall hear the matter de novo and enter an order affirming, or setting aside, the order of removal. If the court shall set aside the order of removal, it shall give appellant judgment against such county and in favor of such trustee for his costs and disbursements, including a reasonable attorney's fee.

SEC. 2. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 4, 1933.

Passed the Senate March 7, 1933.

Approved by the Governor March 20, 1933.