

Boards of
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supervise.

SEC. 4. The portion of the fund hereby appropriated which is to be expended in King county shall be expended under the direction and control of the board of county commissioners of King county; and the portion of the fund hereby appropriated which is to be expended in Kittitas county shall be expended under the direction and control of the board of county commissioners of Kittitas county.

Auditing
accounts.

SEC. 5. Each board of county commissioners shall present vouchers to the state auditor for all expenditures made by it out of the fund hereby appropriated and the state auditor is authorized to audit the same and if found correct to draw his warrant on the state treasurer for the amount or amounts so allowed and the state treasurer is hereby authorized to pay said warrants out of any money in the treasury hereby appropriated.

Passed the Senate March 3, 1899.

Passed the House March 9, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER LVIII.

[S. B. No. 106.]

FOREIGN CORPORATIONS MUST FILE ARTICLES WITH SECRETARY OF STATE.

AN ACT relating to foreign corporations and imposing a penalty,
and repealing conflicting laws.

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

SECTION 1. Any foreign corporation doing business in this state which shall fail to comply with the provisions of sections 1525 and 1526 of 1 Hill's Annotated Statutes and Codes of Washington, shall be subject to a penalty of two hundred and fifty dollars to be recovered in a civil action to be instituted by the attorney

general in the name of the State of Washington, upon his being furnished with a sworn statement of facts sufficient to justify such action.

SEC. 2. All penalties so recovered shall be paid into the general fund of the state treasury.

Passed the Senate February 27, 1899.

Passed the House March 9, 1899.

Approved March 13, 1899.

CHAPTER LIX.

[S. B. No. 245.]

MAY RETRACT LIBELOUS PUBLICATIONS.

AN ACT relating to the law of libel and providing for opportunity of retraction of libels.

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

SECTION 1. Before any action shall be brought for the publication of a libel in any newspaper in this state, the aggrieved party shall at least three days before the filing or serving of the complaint or summons in such suit or action, serve notice on the publisher or publishers of said newspaper at their principal office of publication, specifying the statements in said article which such party alleges to be false and defamatory. If it shall appear on the trial of said action that the article was published in good faith, that its falsity was due to mistake or misapprehension of the facts and that a full and fair retraction of any statement therein alleged to be erroneous, false or defamatory was published in each copy of the next three regular issues of such newspaper, or in case of daily papers within three days after such mistake or misapprehension was so brought to the knowledge of such publisher or publishers in as conspicuous a place and type in such newspaper as was the article complained of as libelous, then the plaintiff