

continue in said depository; said contracts shall run to said city or town and be in such form as shall be approved by the treasurer, mayor and corporation counsel.

Emergency. SEC. 2. An emergency exists and this act shall take effect immediately.

Passed by the House February 16, 1909.

Passed by the Senate February 24, 1909.

Approved March 2, 1909.

CHAPTER 41.

[H. B. 18.]

REGISTRATION OF NURSES.

AN ACT relating to nurses, the registration thereof and providing penalties for violations.

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

Registered
nurses.

SECTION 1. That from and after the expiration of the ninety days immediately following the passage of this act no person shall in the State of Washington, in any manner whatsoever, represent herself to be a registered nurse, or allow herself to be so represented, unless she has been and is registered by the nurses' examining board in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Examining
board.

SEC. 2. That within thirty days after the taking effect of this act, the Governor of the State of Washington shall appoint a nurses' examining board to be composed of five graduate nurses, all of whom are eligible for registration according to the provisions of this act, and who have had at least three years' experience in the profession, after graduation. All appointments shall be so made, that the term of one member shall expire on the thirtieth day of June of each year, and upon the expiration of the term of office of any examiner, the Governor shall appoint a registered nurse to fill the vacancy. No member of said board shall enter upon the discharge of her duties until she has taken oath to faithfully and impartially perform

Oath.

the same; and the Governor may remove any member of said board for neglect of duty or for any other just cause.

SEC. 3. That the nurses' examining board shall meet in the State of Washington within ninety days after their appointment and organize the board and annually thereafter shall elect from its members a president, secretary and treasurer. It shall adopt such by-laws as it shall deem necessary for carrying into effect the provisions of this act, and may amend the same from time to time at the discretion of said board. The secretary shall be required to keep a record of all meetings of the board, and also a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act, which register shall be open to the public at all reasonable times, and to furnish a certificate of registration to all such nurses, said certificate to be renewed at end of five years upon payment of one dollar to the examining board, at least three months' notice having been given, by registered letter, of expiration of said certificate. The said board shall hold examinations at least once a year, and the notice of such examination shall be given in one daily newspaper published in three first class cities of the State of Washington, and in a nursing journal published on the Pacific Coast at least thirty days prior to said examination.

SEC. 4. That every nurse desiring to style herself a registered nurse in the State of Washington shall make application to the nurses' examining board for examination for registration, such examination to consist of questions in surgical nursing, contagious, *materia medica*, dietetics, medical nursing, obstetrics and gynaecology, anatomy, physiology and hygiene, and at the time of making such application applicant shall pay to the treasurer of said board five dollars, no portion of said fee to be returned. Said applicant must furnish satisfactory evidence that she is over twenty years of age, of good moral character, and free from habits liable to interfere with her services as a nurse, and further, that she holds a diploma from a training school for nurses of a reputable hospital: *Provided*,

Organization.

Certificates of registration.

Examination.

Scope of examination.

Fee.

Training
school.

That training school shall give not less than two years' training in a general hospital, or instruction of same kind, and, to at least the same extent, as that given in the general hospital, all of which shall be determined by the nurses' examining board.

Certificates
without
examination.

SEC. 5. That any person possessing the qualifications required in section 4 of this act who is engaged in nursing in the State of Washington at the time of the passage of this act or shall graduate from a reputable training school of a general hospital within three years of passage of this act, shall be entitled to registration without examination upon payment of registration fee.

Certificates
may be
revoked.

SEC. 6. That the registration of any person as a nurse in the State of Washington may be revoked and the certificate of such person cancelled if it should be found to have been obtained by fraud, or if she be found guilty by the nurses' examining board of any act derogatory to the standing and morals of the profession of nursing. But before any certificate shall be revoked the holder thereof shall be entitled to thirty days' notice of the charges against her, and after a full and fair hearing the certificate can be revoked by a majority vote of the whole board.

Expenses of
board.

SEC. 7. That all expenses incident to the execution of the provisions of this act shall be paid from the fees collected from applicants for registration as nurses, and if any balance remains on hand on the thirtieth day of June of any year the secretary and treasurer of the nurses' examining board shall receive of such balance not less than fifty dollars—the full amount to be determined by the board—and each other member of said board shall receive five dollars and expenses for each day actually spent in the discharge of official duties. All money shall be paid to the treasurer of the board and shall be paid out under the orders of the board.

Misdemeanor.

SEC. 8. That any person who shall violate any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Nurses from
other states.

SEC. 9. That the nurses' examining board shall have power to register in like manner without examination, any person who has been registered as a graduate nurse in

another state or territory under laws which in the opinion of said board maintains a standard substantially equivalent to that provided for by this act.

SEC. 10. That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any person from nursing any other person in the State of Washington either gratuitously or for hire: *Provided*, That such person so nursing shall not represent herself as being a registered nurse. Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorizing any person to practice medicine or surgery, or midwifery, in said state. Non-regis-
tered nurses.

SEC. 11. That the word "she" and the derivatives thereof, wherever they occur in this act, shall be construed so as to include the word "he" and derivatives. "She" in-
cludes "he."

Passed by the House February 18, 1909.

Passed by the Senate March 2, 1909.

Approved March 3, 1909.

CHAPTER 42.

[H. B. 21.]

VENUE OF CIVIL ACTIONS.

AN ACT relating to the venue of civil actions and amending section 4854 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington.

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

SECTION 1. Section 4854 of Ballinger's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Washington is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 4854. An action against a corporation may be brought in any county where the corporation transacts business or transacted business at the time the cause of action arose; or in any county where the corporation has an office for the transaction of business or any person resides upon whom process may be served against such corporation, unless otherwise provided in this code. [Am'd. § 4854
Bal.]

Action
against
corporation.

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