

An Act

To Create and Locate the County of Kittitas and to define the boundaries thereof.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington That all that portion of Yakima County situated within Washington Territory and included within the following limits be and the same shall be known as the county of Kittitas, viz:

Commencing at a point where the main channel of the Columbia River crosses the township line between townships fourteen and fifteen north range twenty-three east Willamette Meridian, and running west on said township, to the range line between townships eighteen and nineteen east; thence north on said line, six miles to the township line between township fifteen and sixteen north; thence west on said township line to the Waches River; thence westerly along the main channel of said river, to the summit of the Cascade Mountains, or south west corner of Pierce County; thence north along the eastern boundaries of Pierce, King and Snohomish counties to the main channel of the Wenatche river; thence down said river to the Columbia river; thence down the main channel of the Columbia to the place of beginning

Sec. 2, That Robert W. Conaday, Samuel G. Peckwood and C. P. Cooke are hereby appointed a Board of County Commissioners for the County of Kittitas - with all the powers as if regularly elected, who shall hold their office until the next general election and until their successors are elected and qualified, and said Board of Commissioners shall have power to select and appoint the remaining county officers, who shall serve until the next general election and until their successors are elected and qualified, for which purpose the county commissioners herein appointed shall meet at the county seat of Kittitas County within Forty days after the approval of this act and appoint the necessary officers for said County, and perform such other duties and things necessary for a complete organization of the County of Kittitas.

Sec. 3, That the justices of the peace and constables who are now elected as such in the precincts of the County of Kittitas be and the same are hereby declared justices of the peace and constables of, and for the said county of Kittitas.

Sec. 4, That the county seat of said county of Kittitas is hereby temporarily located at Ellensburg, at which place it shall remain until located permanently elsewhere in said county by a majority of

qualified electors thereof, and for which purpose a vote shall be taken at the next general election provided for by statute; and the officers of election shall receive said vote and make return thereof to the Commissioners, who shall canvass the same and announce the result in like manner as the result of the vote for county officers; Provided, That if there be not a majority vote in favor of such location of county seat at any one place at such general election, the qualified electors of the county shall continue to vote on that question at the next and each subsequent general election until some place receive such majority, and the place so receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared the permanent county seat of said Kittitas County.

Sec. 5. That all laws applicable to the County of Yakima shall be applicable to the county of Kittitas.

Sec. 6. That all taxes levied and assessed by the board of County Commissioners of the County of Yakima for the year A.D. 1883, upon persons or property within the boundaries of the said County of Kittitas, and all delinquent taxes heretofore due said County of Yakima shall be collected by its proper officers and paid into the Treasury of said Yakima County, for the use of said County of Yakima; Provided, that

the said County of Yakima shall pay all the  
just indebtedness of said Yakima <sup>County</sup> and  
provided further; That the County of Kittitas  
tax shall pay to the county of Yakima  
a just proportion of the net indebtedness  
of said Yakima County, the same to  
be determined as hereinafter provided.

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That the auditors of the counties of Kittitas  
and Yakima are hereby constituted a  
board of appraisers and adjusters of the real  
estate, and other property of Yakima County,  
and if they cannot agree the auditor  
of Kittitas County shall act as umpire,  
and for this purpose shall meet at Yaki-  
ma City on the second Tuesday in January  
A.D. 1884, then and there they shall ap-  
praise the value of all public property  
both real and personal belonging to the  
County of Yakima and said board of ap-  
praisers and adjusters shall then proceed  
to ascertain the net indebtedness of said  
County of Yakima which shall be done as  
follows, viz; Ascertain all the county  
justly owes in warrants, script or other  
just debts, which amount shall constitute  
the gross indebtedness of said County, From  
which deduct, the amount of the unpaid por-  
tion of the assessment roll of 1883, and  
the amount of all delinquent assessment  
rolls which are considered collectible up  
to that date, and the amount of all mon-  
ey and other credits due the county, also

the value of all public property belonging to the said County of Yakima. And the balance so found shall constitute the net indebtedness of said County of Yakima. Provided, That the real and personal property thus deducted shall be the property of Yakima County after division Sec. 8. That the net indebtedness of the said County of Yakima as found above be divided equally between the Counties of Yakima and Kittitas in proportion to the taxable property of said Counties as it <sup>legally</sup> appears on the assessment roll for the year 1883. and the said County of Kittitas shall cause a warrant or warrants to be drawn upon its treasurer payable to the county of Yakima out of any funds not otherwise appropriated, for its full share of such indebtedness. Provided, That if from any cause either or both of the above mentioned adjusters and appraisers fail or refuse to act as such, then and in that case the county auditors of the respective counties shall constitute a board of arbitrators and appraisers, and shall proceed as herein directed.

Sec. 9. That if the board of appraisers and adjusters as herein appointed shall not agree on any subject of value or settlement as herein stated, they shall choose a third man from an adjoining county to settle their differences and their decision shall be final.

Sec. 10. That the compensation of the said board of appraisers and adjusters, shall be four dollars per day each, for each and every day necessarily

employed therein, and the counties of Yakima and Kittitas shall pay the same equally.

Sec. 11 That the County Auditor of Kittitas County shall have access to the records of Yakima County without cost, for the purpose of transcribing and indexing such portion of the records of property as belongs to the County of Kittitas, and his certificate of the correctness thereof shall have the same force and effect as if made by the Auditor of Yakima County, it is hereby provided however, that nothing in this section shall permit the record books of Yakima County to be removed from the office of its Auditor.

Sec. 12 That the county auditor for transcribing and indexing the records of Kittitas County shall receive the sum of three dollars per day for each and every day so employed, to be paid by the County of Kittitas, and in addition to his yearly salary as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 13 That the County of Kittitas shall be attached to the County of Yakima for Legislative purposes, and to the second judicial district for judicial purposes.

#### Pay of County Officers

Sec. 14 That the county commissioners of the county of Kittitas, shall receive the sum of four dollars per day each for each and every day necessarily employed in the service of said county, and ten cents per mile, for each mile necessarily traveled to attend said county business.

The auditor shall receive a yearly salary of three hundred dollars per year payable quarterly. The Treasurer shall receive a yearly salary of one hundred and fifty dollars per year payable quarterly. The sheriff shall receive the same fees as are allowed to sheriffs of other countries by the statutes of Washington Territory. The probate judge shall receive the regular fees of his office as prescribed by the laws of Washington Territory. The school superintendent of public schools shall receive a yearly salary of forty dollars per annum payable quarterly and all other officers of the county shall receive the regular fees of their respective offices as prescribed by statute.

Sec. 15. That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to affect the just proportion of the school fund for the said county of Kittitas.

Sec. 16. That all acts or parts of acts in conflict with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 17. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Governor.

Passed the House of Representatives Oct. 29th, 1883

C. C. Ferguson

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Council Nov. 19th 1883

George Lundy

President of the Council

Approved  
24 Nov 1883

Wm. F. Nunn  
Governor

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