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 Pacific County situated within Washington Territory and included within the following limits, to 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, Wallowa Meridian, and running west on said township to the range line between townships eighteen and nine, thence east; thence north on said line, six miles to the township line between townships fifteen and sixteen north; thence west on said township line to the Wapato River; thence southerly along the main channel of said river, to the summit of the Cascade Mountains, or south end of Puget Sound; thence west along the southern boundary of Pierce County; thence north along the eastern boundary of Pierce, King and Snohomish counties to the main channel of the Skagit 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. Gardner, Samuel D. Richland, and E. P. Curti, 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 all 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 reside 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 created 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 five or more a vote shall be taken at the next general election, provided forty 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 each location of county seat at any one place at each 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 or receiving a majority of all the votes cast shall be declared the permanent county seat of said Kittitas County.

Sec. 2. That all laws applicable to the County of Yakima shall be applicable to the County of Kittitas.

Sec. 3. 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 County, and provided further, That the County of Kittitas 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. 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 of them cannot agree the auditors of Kittitas County shall act as umpires, and for this purpose shall meet at Yakima City on the second Tuesday in January A.D. 1884, then and there they shall appraise the value of all property both real and personal belonging to the County of Yakima and said board of appraisers and adjusters shall then proceed to ascertain the net indebtedness of said County of Yakima which shall be done as follows: viz: To ascertain all the county indebtedness exactly once in the warrants, receipts or other just debts, which amount shall constitute the gross indebtedness of said County of Yakima, from which deduct: the amount of the unpaid portion 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 monies 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, The real and personal property thus deducted shall be the property of Yakima County after division.

Sec. 6. 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 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 the full share of such net indebtedness. Provided, That if from any cause, either or both of the above mentioned adjutants and appraisers fail or refuse to act as such, then and in that case the county auditor of the respective counties shall constitute a board of adjutants and appraisers and shall proceed as herein directed.

Sec. 7. That if the board of appraisers and adjutants 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 adjutants shall be four dollars per day each, for each and every day necessarily
enlarged 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 each portion of the records of property as belongs to the County of Kittitas, and this 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 the 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 necessary employed in the service of said county, and ten cents per mile for each mile necessary 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 an annual 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 counties by the statute of Washington Territory. The probate judge shall receive the regular fees of his office as prescribed in the laws of Washington Territory. The school superintendent of public schools shall receive an annual 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. 12. That nothing in this act shall be construed 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.

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E.C. Ferguson
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate Dec. 19th, 1883

Edward Denny
President of the Senate

Approved 24 Nov. 1883

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