

The mayor and the mayor pro tempore shall have power to administer oaths and affirmations, take affidavits and certify them. The mayor or the mayor pro tempore when acting as mayor, shall sign all conveyances made by the city and all instruments which require the seal of the city.

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CHAPTER 102
 [Engrossed House Bill No. 671]
 ELECTRICAL UTILITIES--
 DUPLICATION--SERVICE AREAS

AN ACT Relating to public utilities engaged in the electrical business; declaring a legislative policy against the duplication of electric lines and service; and authorizing agreements establishing service boundaries between utilities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. When used in this act:

(1) "Public utility" means any privately owned public utility company engaged in rendering electric service to the public for hire, any public utility district engaged in rendering service to residential customers and any city or town engaged in the electric business.

(2) "Cooperative" means any cooperative having authority to engage in the electric business.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. The legislature hereby declares that the duplication of the electric lines and service of public utilities and cooperatives is uneconomical, may create unnecessary hazards to the public safety, discourages investment in permanent underground facilities, and is unattractive, and thus is contrary to the public interest and further declares that it is in the public interest for public utilities and cooperatives to enter into agreements for the purpose of avoiding or eliminating such duplication.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In aid of the foregoing declaration of policy, any public utility and any cooperative is hereby authorized to enter into agreements with any one or more other public utility or

one or more other cooperative for the designation of the boundaries of adjoining service areas which each such public utility or each such cooperative shall observe, for the establishment of procedures for orderly extension of service in adjoining areas not currently served by any such public utility or any such cooperative and for the acquisition or disposal by purchase or sale by any such public utility or any such cooperative of duplicating utility facilities, which agreements shall be for a reasonable period of time not in excess of twenty-five years: PROVIDED, That the participation in such agreement of any public utility which is an electrical company under RCW 80.04.010, excepting cities and towns, shall be approved by the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Nothing herein shall be construed to classify a cooperative having authority to engage in the electric business as a public utility or to include cooperatives under the authority of the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

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CHAPTER 103
 [House Bill No. 124]
 PRISONERS--TIME AND
 CUSTODY PENDING APPEAL

AN ACT Relating to the custody of prisoners; amending section 2, chapter 42, Laws of 1955 and RCW 9.95.062; and adding a new section to chapter 4, Laws of 1963 and to chapter 36.63 RCW.
 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 2, chapter 42, Laws of 1955 and RCW 9-.95.062 are each amended to read as follows:

An appeal by a defendant in a criminal action shall stay the execution of the judgment of conviction.

In case the defendant has been convicted of a felony, and has been unable to furnish ((the)) a bail bond ((required-by-RCW 10-73-040)) pending the appeal, the time ((during-which-he-remains-in-the-jail-of-the-county-from-which-the-appeal-is-taken)) he has