

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The following acts or parts of acts are each repealed:

- (1) Section 14, chapter 5, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.99.140; and
- (2) Section 16, chapter 5, Laws of 1965 and RCW 43.99.160.

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CHAPTER 141
[House Bill No. 218]
REGIONAL LAW LIBRARIES

AN ACT Relating to law libraries; permitting the establishment of regional law libraries; amending section 1, chapter 94, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1943, and RCW 27.24.062; amending section 3, chapter 167, Laws of 1933 and RCW 27.24.063; amending section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 2, chapter 25, Laws of 1969, and RCW 27.24.070; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 94, Laws of 1925 ex. sess. as last amended by section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1943, and RCW 27.24.062 are each amended to read as follows:

In each county of the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth classes there shall be a county law library which shall be governed and maintained as hereinafter provided.

Two or more of such counties may, by agreement of the respective law library boards of trustees, create a regional law library and establish and maintain one principal law library at such location as the regional board of trustees may determine will best suit the needs of the users: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That there shall be at all times a law library in such size as the board of trustees may determine necessary to be located at the courthouse where each superior court is located.

Sec. 2. Section 3, chapter 167, Laws of 1933 and RCW 27.24.063 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be in every such county a board of law library trustees consisting of five members to be constituted, as follows: Chairman of the board of county commissioners shall be ex officio trustee and the judges of the superior court of the county shall choose one of their number, and the members of the county bar

association (or if there be no bar association, then the lawyers of said county) shall choose three of their number to be trustees; PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That in the case of regional law libraries the board of trustees shall be one board of trustees which shall be selected in the above manner and constituted as follows: One superior court judge, one county commissioner from each county and one lawyer from the county seat of each county. The term of office of a member of the board who is a judge, shall be for as long as he continues to be a judge, and the term of a member who is from the bar shall be four years. Vacancies shall be filled as they occur and in the manner above directed. The office of trustee shall be without salary or other compensation. The board shall elect one of their number president, and one as secretary, or if a librarian is appointed the librarian shall act as secretary. Meetings shall be held at least once a year and as much oftener and at such times as may be prescribed by rule.

Sec. 3. Section 1, chapter 249, Laws of 1953 as last amended by section 2, chapter 25, Laws of 1969, and RCW 27.24.070 are each amended to read as follows:

In each county pursuant to this chapter, the clerk of the superior court shall pay from each fee collected for the filing in his office of every new probate or civil matter, including appeals, abstracts or transcripts of judgments, the sum of three dollars for the support of the law library in that county or the regional law library to which the county belongs, which shall be paid to the county treasurer to be credited to the county or regional law library fund; PROVIDED, That upon a showing of need the three dollar fee may be increased up to five dollars upon the request of the law library board of trustees and with the approval of the county legislative body or bodies. There shall be paid from the filing fee paid by each person instituting an action, when the first paper is filed, to each justice of the peace in every civil action commenced in such court where the demand or value of the property in controversy is one hundred dollars or more, in addition to the other fees required by law the sum of one dollar and fifty cents as fees for the support of the law library in that county or for the regional law library which are to be taxed as part of costs in each case.

The justice of the peace shall pay such fees so collected to the county treasurer to be credited to the county or regional law library fund.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. This 1971 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 142

[Engrossed House Bill No. 225]

BUSINESS CORPORATIONS--

NOTICE BY SECRETARY OF STATE

OF LOSS OF BUSINESS PRIVILEGE, MAILING

AN ACT Relating to corporations; amending section 4, chapter 92, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 23A.40.075.

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

Section 1. Section 4, chapter 92, Laws of 1969 ex. sess. and RCW 23A.40.075 are each amended to read as follows:

The annual license fee required by RCW 23A.40.060, as now or hereafter amended, and RCW 23A.40.140 is a tax on the privilege of doing business as a corporation in the state of Washington, but is not a tax on the privilege of existing as a corporation. No corporation shall do business in this state without first having paid its annual license fee, except as provided in RCW 23A.36.010 and 23A.36.020.

Failure of the corporation to pay its annual license fees shall not derogate from the rights of its creditors, or prevent the corporation from being sued and from defending lawsuits, nor shall it release the corporation from any of the duties or liabilities of a corporation under law.

Every domestic corporation which shall fail for three consecutive years to acquire an annual license for the privilege of doing business in this state shall cease to exist as a corporation on the third anniversary of the date it was last licensed to do business in this state or in the case of a corporation which has never been licensed, on the third anniversary of the date of filing its articles of incorporation. When a corporation has ceased to exist by operation of this section, remedies available to or against it shall survive in the manner provided in RCW 23A.28.250 and the directors of the corporation shall hold the title to the property of the corporation as trustees for the benefit of its creditors and shareholders.

A domestic corporation which has not ceased to exist by operation of law may restore its privilege to do business by paying the current annual license fee and a restoration fee which shall include a sum equivalent to the amount of annual license fees the