

belongs; and any such excess investment shall be disposed of within the time prescribed in subsection (4) of this section.)

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CHAPTER 152

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2008]

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE--ADDRESS--

DISCLOSURE

AN ACT Relating to public assistance; amending section 74.04.060, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.060; and adding a new section to chapter 74.04 RCW.

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

Section 1. Section 74.04.060, chapter 26, Laws of 1959 and RCW 74.04.060 are each amended to read as follows:

For the protection of applicants and recipients, the department and the county offices and their respective officers and employees are prohibited, except as hereinafter provided, from disclosing the contents of any records, files, papers and communications, except for purposes directly connected with the administration of the programs of this title. In any judicial proceeding, except such proceeding as is directly concerned with the administration of these programs, such records, files, papers and communications, and their contents, shall be deemed privileged communications and except for the right of any individual to inquire of the office whether a named individual is a recipient of welfare assistance and such person shall be entitled to an affirmative or negative answer. However, upon written request of a parent who has been awarded visitation rights in an action for divorce or separation, the department shall disclose to him or her the current address and location of his or her natural or adopted children. Information supplied to a parent by the department shall be used only for purposes directly related to the visitation provisions of the court order of separation or decree of divorce. No parent shall disclose such information to any other person except for the purpose of enforcing visitation provisions of the said order or decree.

The county offices shall maintain monthly at their offices a report showing the names and addresses of all recipients in the county receiving public assistance under this title, together with the amount paid to each during the preceding month.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to duly designated representatives of approved private welfare agencies, public officials, members of legislative interim committees and advisory committees when performing duties directly connected with the administration of this title, such as regulation and investigation directly connected therewith: PROVIDED, HOWEVER, That any information so obtained by such persons or groups shall be treated with such degree of confidentiality as is required by the federal social security law.

It shall be unlawful, except as provided in this section, for any person, body, association, firm, corporation or other agency to solicit, publish, disclose, receive, make use of, or to authorize, knowingly permit, participate in or acquiesce in the use of any lists or names for commercial or political purposes of any nature. The violation of this section shall be a gross misdemeanor.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to chapter 74.04 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Upon written request of a person who has been properly identified as an officer of the law with a felony arrest warrant or a properly identified United States Immigration official with a warrant for an illegal alien the department shall disclose to such officer the current address and location of the person properly described in the warrant.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. If any provision of this 1973 act, or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of the act, or the application of the provision to other persons or circumstances is not affected.

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CHAPTER 153

[House Bill No. 34]

VOTER REGISTRATION--VOTER CARDS

AN ACT Relating to registration of voters; amending section 29.07.010, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 4, chapter 202, Laws of 1971 ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.010; adding a new section to chapter 9, Laws of 1965 and RCW 29.07; and repealing section 29.07.040, chapter 9, Laws of 1965 as amended by section 6, chapter 202, Laws of 1971, 1st ex. sess. and RCW 29.07.040.