

## CHAPTER 210.

[ S. B. 84. ]

## COURT REPORTERS—COMPENSATION.

AN ACT relating to court reporters; fixing their compensation; providing methods whereby judicial districts having a population under twenty thousand may obtain court reporters; and amending sections 2.32.210, 2.32.220, and 2.32.230, R.C.W.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Section 2.32.210, R.C.W., as derived from section 1, chapter 24, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Each official reporter shall be paid compensation as follows: Compensation.

In judicial districts comprised of Class A counties, forty-eight hundred dollars *per annum*; in judicial districts comprised of first class counties, forty-six hundred dollars *per annum*; in judicial districts having a total population of seventy thousand and under one hundred twenty-five thousand, forty-two hundred dollars *per annum*; in judicial districts having a total population of forty thousand and under seventy thousand, four thousand dollars *per annum*; in judicial districts having a total population of twenty-five thousand and under forty thousand, three thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars *per annum*; which compensation shall be paid out of the current expense fund of the county where court is held. Schedule.  
County current expense fund.

In judicial districts comprising more than one county the judge or judges thereof shall, on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, apportion the amount of the salary to be paid to the reporter by each county according and in proportion to the number of criminal and civil actions entered and commenced in superior court of the constituent counties in the preceding Judicial districts comprising more than one county.  
Apportionment of salary.

year. In addition to the salary above provided, in judicial districts comprising more than one county, the reporter shall receive his actual and necessary expense of transportation and living expenses when he goes on official business to a county of his judicial district other than the county in which he resides, from the time he leaves his place of residence until he returns thereto, said expenses to be paid by the county to which he travels. If one trip includes two or more counties, the expenses may be apportioned between the counties visited in proportion to the amount of time spent in each county on the trip. If an official reporter uses his own automobile for the purpose of such transportation, he shall be paid therefor at the same rate per mile as county officials are paid for use of their private automobiles. The sworn statement of the official reporter, when certified to as correct by the judge presiding, shall be a sufficient voucher upon which the county auditor shall draw his warrant upon the treasurer of the county in favor of the official reporter.

Expenses.

Apportionment of expenses.

Mileage.

Sworn statement as voucher.

Salary, how paid.

The salaries of official court reporters shall be paid upon sworn statements, when certified as correct by the judge presiding, as state and county officers are paid.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 42-3.]

Amendment.

SEC. 2. Section 2.32.220, R.C.W., as derived from section 2, chapter 24, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows:

Districts of less than 25,000 population.

If the judge of the superior court in any judicial district having a total population of less than twenty-five thousand finds that the work in such district requires the services of an official court reporter he may appoint a person qualified under section 2.32.180, and the salary of such reporter shall be not less than three thousand dollars *per annum*.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 42-3a.]

[R.C.W. 2.32.180 is derived from Rem. Supp. 1945, § 42-1, part (from beginning thereof to and including the word "governor" on line 17, p. 66 of Rem. Supp. 1945).]

SEC. 3. Section 2.32.230, R.C.W., as derived from section 3, chapter 24, Laws of 1945, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

An official court reporter may be appointed to serve two or more judicial districts, each of which has a total population under twenty-five thousand, if the judges thereof so agree, and the salary of such official reporter shall be determined by the total population of all the judicial districts so served in accordance with the schedule of salaries in section 2.32.210, and shall be apportioned between the several counties of the districts as therein provided. Such reporter, if appointed, must be qualified to serve, under section 2.32.180.

Two or more judicial districts, each having population under 25,000.

[Am. Rem. Supp. 1945, § 42-3b.]

[R.C.W. 2.32.210 appears as sec. 1, *supra*.]

[R.C.W. 2.32.180; see note to sec. 2, *supra*.]

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## CHAPTER 211.

[ S. B. 93. ]

### SECOND, THIRD, AND FOURTH CLASS CITIES AND TOWNS—CALLS FOR BIDS.

AN ACT relating to cities and towns; providing for construction of public improvements and works, purchase of supplies, material, equipment and services and for contracts for printing of notices and newspaper publications in second, third and fourth class cities and towns; and repealing sections 35.24.270, 35.24.280, 35.27.360, 35.23.350, and 35.23.360, R.C.W.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

SECTION 1. Any city or town of the second, third or fourth class may construct any public work or improvement by contract or day labor without calling for bids therefor whenever the cost of such work or

Public improvements; bids required, when.