

(3) The county legislative authority of each fifth class or smaller county shall by July 1, 1980 make a determination of whether sufficient need exists with their respective counties to require installation of a telecommunication device. Reconsideration of such determination will be made at any future date when a deaf individual indicates a need for such an instrument.

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CHAPTER 64

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2565]

POLLING PLACES—ACCESSIBILITY FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS

AN ACT Relating to handicapped persons; adding a new chapter to Title 29 RCW; and providing effective dates.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. The intent of this chapter is to require county auditors to make reasonable efforts to designate and use locations for polling places which are accessible to handicapped persons, to include the following actions:

- (1) Make minor, inexpensive modifications such as installation of temporary ramps or relocation of booths within buildings, where indicated;
- (2) Designation of new, accessible polling places to replace those with poor facilities; and
- (3) Continued use of locations which are accessible to people with disabilities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Each county auditor shall report in writing to the secretary of state within one year after the effective date of this act with a list of precincts which do not have a polling place accessible to handicapped persons. The auditor shall indicate what efforts have been made pursuant to section 1 of this act to provide accessible places in such precincts.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. The secretary of state, in consultation with the state building code advisory council, shall adopt guidelines by January 1, 1980, for accessibility of polling places as required by this chapter.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Each state agency and entity of local government shall permit the use of any of its buildings and the most suitable locations therein as polling places when required by a county auditor to provide accessible places in each precinct.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. County auditors shall, as feasible, solicit and use the assistance of disabled voters in reviewing sites and recommending inexpensive remedies to improve accessibility.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Accessible polling places shall be provided as soon as feasible and the goal shall be to provide such places prior to the 1980 general election.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. Sections 1 through 5 of this act shall constitute a new chapter in Title 29 RCW.

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CHAPTER 65

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 2106]

PERSONAL EXEMPTIONS—ELIGIBLE PERSONS—PROPERTY

AN ACT Relating to personal exemptions; and amending section 253, page 178, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 13, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.16.020.

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

Section 1. Section 253, page 178, Laws of 1854 as last amended by section 13, chapter 154, Laws of 1973 1st ex. sess. and RCW 6.16.020 are each amended to read as follows:

The following personal property shall be exempt from execution and attachment, except as hereinafter specially provided:

(1) All wearing apparel of every person and family, but not to exceed five hundred dollars in value in furs, jewelry, and personal ornaments for any person.

(2) All private libraries not to exceed five hundred dollars in value, and all family pictures and keepsakes.

(3) To each (~~householder~~) person or family, (a) (~~his~~) the person's or family's household goods, appliances, furniture and home and yard equipment, not to exceed one thousand dollars in value;

(b) provisions and fuel for the comfortable maintenance of such (~~household and~~) person or family for three months; and

(c) other property not to exceed four hundred dollars in value, of which not more than one hundred dollars in value may consist of cash, bank accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other securities.

(4) To (~~(a)~~) any person or family (~~(not a householder, other property not to exceed two hundred dollars in value, of which not more than one hundred dollars in value may consist of cash, bank accounts, savings and loan accounts, stocks, bonds, or other securities)~~), one motor vehicle which