

order, lawyers, insurance companies, credit unions, loan or finance companies, mortgage banks, and banks; or

(d) Any person who on behalf of another person prepares or mails monthly or periodic statements of accounts due if all payments are made to that other person and no other collection efforts are made by the person preparing the statements of account.

(4) "Claim" means any obligation for the payment of money or thing of value arising out of any agreement or contract, express or implied.

(5) "Statement of account" means a report setting forth only amounts billed, invoices, credits allowed, or aged balance due.

(6) "Director" means the director of licensing.

~~((6))~~ (7) "Client" or "customer" means any person authorizing or employing a collection agency to collect a claim.

~~((7))~~ (8) "Licensee" means any person licensed under this chapter.

~~((8))~~ (9) "Board" means the Washington state collection agency board.

~~((9))~~ (10) "Debtor" means any person owing or alleged to owe a claim.

Passed the House March 6, 1990.

Passed the Senate March 1, 1990.

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## CHAPTER 191

[House Bill No. 2808]

### COURT COMMISSIONERS—QUALIFICATIONS

AN ACT Relating to the eligibility requirements of court commissioners; and amending RCW 2.24.010.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 124, Laws of 1909 as last amended by section 1, chapter 54, Laws of 1979 ex. sess. and RCW 2.24.010 are each amended to read as follows:

There may be appointed in each county or judicial district, by the judges of the superior court having jurisdiction therein, one or more court commissioners for said county or judicial district. Each such commissioner shall be a citizen of the United States ~~((and an elector of the county or judicial district in which he may be appointed;))~~ and shall hold ~~((his))~~ the

office during the pleasure of the judges (~~(appointing him)~~) making the appointment.

Passed the House February 12, 1990.

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CHAPTER 192

[House Bill No. 1323]

PORTABILITY OF PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RETIREMENT BENEFITS

AN ACT Relating to the portability of public employment retirement benefits; amending RCW 41.54.010, 41.54.030, 41.40.120, and 41.54.040; adding a new section to chapter 41.54 RCW; repealing RCW 41.54.060; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

Sec. 1. Section 1, chapter 192, Laws of 1987 as amended by section 1, chapter 195, Laws of 1988 and RCW 41.54.010 are each amended to read as follows:

The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

(1) "Base salary" means salaries or wages earned by a member of a system during a payroll period for personal services and includes wages and salaries deferred under provisions of the United States internal revenue code, but shall exclude overtime payments, nonmoney maintenance compensation, and lump sum payments for deferred annual sick leave, unused accumulated vacation, unused accumulated annual leave, any form of severance pay, any bonus for voluntary retirement, any other form of leave, or any similar lump sum payment.

(2) "Department" means the department of retirement systems.

(3) "Director" means the director of the department of retirement systems.

(4) "Dual member" means a person who (a) is or becomes a member of a system on or after July 1, 1988, (b) has been a member of one or more other systems, and (c) has never been retired for service from a retirement system and is not receiving a disability retirement or disability leave benefit from any retirement system listed in RCW 41.50.030 or subsection (6) of this section.

(5) "Service" means the same as it may be defined in each respective system. For the purposes of RCW 41.54.030, military service granted under RCW 41.40.170(3) or 43.43.260 may only be based on service accrued under chapter 41.40 or 43.43 RCW, respectively.

(6) "System" means the retirement systems established under chapters 41.32, 41.40, 41.44, and 43.43 RCW and the city employee retirement systems for Seattle, Tacoma, and Spokane. The inclusion of an individual first