

CHAPTER 42.

[S. B. 45.]

OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER.

AN ACT relating to an act providing for the appointment of official court reporters in the State of Washington, prescribing their duties, oath of office, and qualifications, and providing for their compensation and the manner of their appointment, and amending section 1 of Chapter 126 of the Laws of 1913.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 1 of Chapter 126 of the Laws of 1913 be amended to read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of each superior court judge in counties or judicial districts in the State of Washington having a population of over twenty-seven thousand inhabitants to appoint a stenographer to be attached to the court holden by him (except, for the sake of economy, where in counties or judicial districts having more than one judge there is not sufficient trial work to require the services of two or more official reporters, the judges of such courts may, provided their trial dockets can be satisfactorily arranged so as not to delay the trials of cases, appoint one official reporter jointly to act as official reporter for their respective courts), who shall have had at least three years' experience as a skilled, practical court reporter, or who upon examination shall be able to report and transcribe accurately one hundred fifty words per minute of the judge's charge or one hundred seventy-five words of testimony for five consecutive minutes; said test of efficiency, in the event of inability to meet the qualifications as to length of time of experience, to be given by a committee of three of the attorneys of the county or district in which the said stenographer is seeking to act as official reporter, and

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such stenographer shall thereupon become an officer of the court and shall be designated and known as the official reporter for the court or district for which he is appointed. Each official reporter so appointed shall hold office during the term of office of the judge appointing him, but may be removed for incompetency, misconduct or neglect of duty, and before entering upon the discharge of his duties shall take an oath to perform faithfully the duties of his office, and file a bond in the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the faithful discharge of his duties. No person shall be appointed to the office of official reporter who is not a citizen of and a duly qualified elector in the State of Washington.

Passed the Senate January 27, 1921.

Passed the House February 23, 1921.

Permitted to become a law without the signature of the Governor.

J. GRANT HINKLE,
Secretary of State.

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[H. B. 22.]

DELINQUENT CHILDREN.

AN ACT relating to the welfare of dependent and delinquent children, and amending section 595 Pierce's Code.

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

SECTION 1. That section 595 Pierce's Code (1987-3 of Rem. & Bal. Code) be amended to read as follows:

Section 595. The court or judge designated as provided in section 594, shall appoint or designate one or more discreet persons of good character to serve as probation officers during the pleasure of the court, said probation officers to receive no compen-