

CHAPTER 191.

[H. B. 124.]

SELECTION OF JURORS.

AN ACT relating to the selection of jurors in the superior courts and amending Sections 96 and 97 of Remington's Compiled Statutes and amending Chapter VIII, Title I of Remington's Compiled Statutes by adding thereto a new section to be known as Section 97-1.

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

SECTION 1. Section 96 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington is amended to read as follows:

Amends
§ 8153.
Pierce's
Code.

Section 96. The judge or judges of the superior court of each county shall divide the county into not less than three jury districts, following the lines of voting precincts and arranging the districts in such manner that the population in each district shall be as nearly equal as may be, and the fixing of the boundaries of the district shall be evidenced by an order made by the court and entered upon its records. The county assessor in each county shall prepare annually a list of all persons qualified and subject to serve as jurors, giving the name, age, sex, whether naturalized or native born citizen, occupation, jury district and post office address of such persons, and shall certify and file a copy thereof with the county clerk on or before the first day of June of each year. During the month of July of each year the judge or judges of the superior court for each county shall select from said list and other sources and enter in a book kept for that purpose and shall certify and file with the county clerk a jury list containing the names of a sufficient number of qualified persons of fit character and intelligence to serve as jurors until the first day of August of the next calendar year. The judge or judges may call (but are not required

Jury
districts.

Jury list.

Judges to
select
from
list.

Assistants
to aid in
selection.

Compensa-
tion.

Selection
of persons
not listed.

Revision
of jury
list.

Female
exempted
not listed.

Names in
jury
boxes.

Amends
§ 8154,
Pierce's
Code.

Jury
terms.

to call) one or more electors from each or any of the jury districts to advise in the selection. Each such elector shall receive for his services the sum of five dollars (\$5) per day and the mileage allowed sheriffs, upon vouchers approved by the judge or presiding judge of the county. In making the selection the judge or judges shall not be bound by the list of names filed with the county clerk by the assessor, but may select qualified persons not included in the list. At any time and from time to time the judges may revise the jury list by striking therefrom or adding thereto, and when this is done a certified list of the names stricken or added shall be filed with the clerk. The number of persons selected from the several jury districts shall be as nearly in proportion to the number of names on the assessor's list for the several districts as due regard to the fitness of persons to be selected will permit. Any woman who upon being listed by the county assessor shall claim her exemption to serve as a juror, shall not be listed in the preparation of the list of jurors. The county clerk shall provide boxes sufficient in number to correspond with the number of jury districts fixed by the court, and numbered to correspond therewith, and having written the names appearing in the jury list for each district upon slips of paper, which shall be similar in size, quality of paper, and writing, shall deposit such slips in the jury box of the proper district. At the time of the drawing of names for any venire there must be in the jury boxes at least five (5) times as many names as the number of names to be drawn.

SEC. 2. Section 97 of Remington's Compiled Statutes of Washington is amended to read as follows:

Section 97. Jury terms shall commence on the first Monday of each month, and shall end on the Saturday preceding the first Monday of each month,

unless the day of commencing or ending said term be changed by order of the judge or judges of the superior court; but it shall not be necessary to call a jury for any term in any county unless the judge or judges of the superior court of that county shall consider that there is sufficient business to be submitted to a jury to require that one be called. When the judge or judges of the superior court of any county shall deem that the public business requires a jury term to be held, he or they shall require the county clerk to draw jurors to serve for the ensuing term. The county clerk, on the second Saturday of the calender month preceding the month on which the jurors are to be called to serve, shall be blindfolded, and in the presence of the judge or one of the judges or of a court commissioner of the superior court shall draw from the jury boxes the names of such number of persons as may have been ordered summoned as jurors for the ensuing term: *Provided*, that at any time or for any period or periods of time the judge or judges may direct by rule or order that all or any number or proportion of the jurors thereafter to be drawn shall be drawn to serve for two successive terms, to the end that not all of the jurors serving during a given period shall cease their service at the same time. The names shall be drawn in equal numbers from each jury box, and before the drawing is made the boxes shall be shaken up so that the slips bearing the names thereon may be thoroughly mixed, and the drawing of the slips shall depend purely upon chance.

County clerk to draw jury.

Jurors may be drawn for two successive terms.

Manner of drawing.

SEC. 3. That Chapter VIII, Title I, of Remington's Compiled Statutes be amended by adding a new section thereto to be known as section 97-1, as follows:

Section 97-1. It shall be the duty of a superior judge to excuse from further jury service any juror, who in the opinion of the judge, has manifested

Excusing from jury service.

unfitness as a juror by reason of bias, prejudice, indifference, inattention or any physical or mental defect or by reason of conduct or practices incompatible with proper and efficient jury service.

Passed the House December 8, 1925.

Passed the Senate January 4, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 16, 1926.

CHAPTER 192.

[H. B. 213.]

LIFE INSURANCE: MEDICAL EXAMINATION OF INSURED.

AN ACT repealing section 7228 of Remington's Compiled Statutes relating to insurance.

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

SECTION 1. That section 7228 of Remington's Compiled Statutes is hereby repealed.

Passed the House December 15, 1925.

Passed the Senate January 6, 1926.

Approved by the Governor January 16, 1926.

CHAPTER 193.

[H. B. 214.]

INSURANCE CODE: LICENSE FEES.

AN ACT fixing license fees to be charged by the insurance commissioner and amending Section 7049, Remington's Compiled Statutes.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 7049, Remington's Compiled Statutes, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Repeals
§ 3126,
Pierce's
Code.

Amends
§ 2924,
Pierce's
Code.