

SEC. 3. The sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from the State General Fund for special equipment, supplies, traveling expenses, and the salary of such otologist. Appropriation.

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CHAPTER 24.

[S. B. 127.]

COURT REPORTERS—COMPENSATION—JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to official court reporters; fixing their compensation; providing methods whereby judicial districts having a population under twenty-five thousand may obtain official court reporters; and amending section 3, chapter 126, Laws of 1913, as amended by section 2, chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 108-1); and adding two new sections to be known as sections 3a and 3b.

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

SECTION 1. Section 3, chapter 126, Laws of 1913, as amended by section 2, chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943, also Pierce's Perpetual Code 108-1), is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 3. Each official reporter so appointed shall be paid a compensation as follows:

In judicial districts comprised of Class A or first class counties, four thousand dollars (\$4,000) per annum; in judicial districts having a total population of seventy thousand (70,000) and under one hundred twenty-five thousand (125,000), thirty-six hundred dollars (\$3,600) per annum; in judicial districts having a total population of forty thousand (40,000) and under seventy thousand (70,000), thirty-four hundred dollars (\$3,400) per annum; in Compensation fixed.

Judges to
apportion.

judicial districts having a total population of twenty-five thousand (25,000) and under forty thousand (40,000), three thousand dollars (\$3,000) per annum; which compensation shall be paid out of the general fund of the county where such court is held. In districts comprising more than one county it shall be the duty of the judge or judges in each such district on the first day of January of each year, or as soon thereafter as may be convenient, to apportion the amount of the salary to be paid to the reporter by each county in his district according and in proportion to the number of criminal and civil actions entered and commenced in Superior Court of such counties respectively in the preceding 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 the same proportion as the amount of time spent in each county on that 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. 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.

Expenses for
travel.

SEC. 2. Chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943), is amended by adding thereto a new section immediately following section 3 to be known as section 3a, to read as follows:

Amend-
ment.

Section 3a. If the judge of the Superior Court in any judicial district having a total population of less than twenty-five thousand (25,000) finds that the work in such district requires the services of an official court reporter, he may appoint a person who is qualified under section 1, chapter 69, Laws of 1943, and the salary of such reporter shall be not less than twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2,400) per annum.

Counties
under 25,000
population.

SEC. 3. Chapter 69, Laws of 1943 (section 42-3, Rem. Supp. 1943), is amended by adding thereto a new section immediately following section 3a to be known as section 3b, to read as follows:

Amend-
ment.

Section 3b. 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 (25,000), 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 shown in section 3 of this act, and shall be apportioned between the several counties of the districts as provided in section 3 of this act. Such reporter, if appointed, must be qualified to serve, under section 1, chapter 69, Laws of 1943.

Joint judicial
districts.

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