

CHAPTER 155.

[H. B. 532.]

PUBLICATION OF REVISED CODE OF WASHINGTON.

AN ACT providing for the publication of the revised code, making an appropriation, and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. There is created a temporary code publication committee consisting of the attorney general, the librarian of the state law library, one member of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, and one member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives.

Temporary code publication committee.

SEC. 2. The committee shall do whatever necessary to secure the earliest practicable publication of an unannotated edition of the Revised Code of Washington, including therein all statutes of the state of Washington of a general and permanent nature in force as of January 1, 1951, as repealed, amended, or added to by laws enacted by the thirty-second regular session of the legislature, and for the purpose thereof or in connection therewith the committee may:

Publication of unannotated edition of R.C.W.

Committee may:

(1) Formulate and prepare written specifications, to be followed by any printer of said code, as to number of volumes, type and quality of binding, format, quality of paper, sizes and styles of type, and quantity to be published.

Prepare written specifications.

(2) Contract in the name of and on behalf of the state, or otherwise arrange, for the printing of said code, with or without calling for bids, by the public printer or by private printer, upon the specifications formulated by the committee and upon such basis as the committee deems to be most expeditious and economical. Any such contract may be upon such terms as the committee deems to be most advan-

Contract for the printing of the code.

tageous to the state and to potential purchasers of the published code.

Fix price.

(3) Fix a fair and reasonable price per set at which the published code is to be sold to purchasers.

Arrange for sale.

(4) Arrange for the sale and distribution of the code when published.

Employment of assistants.

SEC. 3. The committee shall employ and fix the compensation of such competent attorneys and clerical assistants, and provide such other facilities as may be required for a final editing of the matter to be included in said published code and preparation of such matter for the printer.

Editing.

SEC. 4. Such editing shall include the preparation of an adequate and workable index to the contents of the code, correction of manifest clerical errors and omissions as to contents, numbering system, or number references, correction of captions, making reasonably uniform the plans of capitalization and of section subdivision indicia, and substitution of reference to specific section numbers for general references wherever deemed practical. As to laws enacted by the 1951 regular session of the legislature, such editing shall in addition include the following: Codification of such laws; preparation of necessary captions; substitution for the term "this act" of "section," "chapter," "code," or "title," or reference to specific section or chapter numbers, as the case may require; substitution of the proper calendar date for "effective date of this act," "date of passage of this act," and other phrases of similar import.

Laws enacted at 1951 regular session.

Cross reference tables, etc.

SEC. 5. The code authorized to be published hereunder shall also contain such cross-reference tables to previously published codes of laws of this state, legislative histories of the respective sections, cross-references to matter elsewhere in the code footnotes as to revision and other matters, as the committee deems necessary to make the code of practical

value to persons using it, but without annotations as to court decisions.

Unannotated as to court decisions.

SEC. 6. The code, when published, shall bear the certificate of the committee, shall be an official code of the statute laws of this state, and shall be received as *prima facie* evidence of such laws in all matters and proceedings.

Official code.

Prima facie evidence.

SEC. 7. The committee shall from time to time elect a chairman and a secretary from among its members. A majority of the committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be entitled to reimbursement for expense involved in attending meetings of the committee, such reimbursement not to exceed the sum of fifteen dollars per day.

Officers.

Quorum.

Compensation.

Expenses.

SEC. 8. There is appropriated one hundred thousand dollars or so much as may be necessary from the general fund for the purposes of this act.

Appropriation.

SEC. 9. If, under arrangements made by the committee, sale and distribution of the code is to be handled by the state, such sale and distribution shall be administered by the librarian of the state law library. All sums accruing to the state on account of such sales, whether administered by such librarian or otherwise, shall be promptly remitted to the state treasurer, for credit to the general fund. Each member of the legislature, and the secretary and assistant secretary of the senate, and the chief clerk and assistant chief clerk of the house in attendance at the thirty-second regular session of the legislature shall be entitled to receive one set of the code, when published, without charge.

Administration of sale and distribution.

Proceeds of sale.

Distribution to certain persons without charge.

SEC. 10. All vouchers drawn under this act shall be approved by the attorney general and the librarian of the state law library.

Approval of vouchers.

Emergency.

SEC. 11. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety and for the immediate support of the state government and its existing public institutions and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the House March 2, 1951.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1951.

Approved by the Governor March 15, 1951.

CHAPTER 156.

[S. H. B. 284.]

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE—JUSTICE COURT DISTRICTS.

AN ACT relating to justices of the peace and constables in certain cities; authorizing the creation of justice court districts in rural precincts, abolishing the office of single precinct justice of peace in rural precincts, relating to venue, amending sections 3.04.090 and 3.04.130, R.C.W., and repealing section 3.04.020, and repealing sections 3.12.020, 3.12.030, 3.12.040, 3.12.050, 3.12.060 and 3.12.070, R.C.W.

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

In cities; number of justices of the peace.

SECTION 1. The number of justices of the peace to be elected in cities having a population of 5,000 or more, according to the last census, shall be as follows: 5,000 to 20,000, one; 20,000 to 75,000, two; 75,000 to 125,000, three; 125,000 to 175,000, four; and one additional for each 150,000 or major fraction thereof above 175,000. The board of county commissioners may reduce the number of justices of the peace by notifying the secretary of state ninety days prior to the general election at which such reduction is sought. The secretary of state shall order the ballots to be printed to comply with the action of the board of county commissioners.

Number may be reduced.

Justices shall be attorneys.

SEC. 2. Justices of the peace in such cities shall be attorneys at law duly admitted to practice in this state.