

CHAPTER 215.

[S. B. 353.]

SALARIES OF COUNTY ELECTIVE OFFICERS—
COUNTIES OVER 500,000.

AN ACT establishing salaries of county officials in certain counties.

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

Amounts designated by office.

SECTION 1. The salaries of county officers in counties with a population over five hundred thousand shall be per annum respectively as follows: Auditor, clerk, treasurer, sheriff, assessor, superintendent of schools, members of board of county commissioners, coroner, eight thousand six hundred dollars; prosecuting attorney, nine thousand dollars.

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CHAPTER 216.

[S. B. 304.]

MEETINGS AND RECORDS OF GOVERNMENTAL BODIES.

AN ACT relating to public access to the meetings and records of public bodies; limiting the exercise of legislative authority by other than the state legislature to public meetings; requiring the prompt recording of minutes; and providing for public notice of certain meetings.

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

When public meetings are required.

SECTION 1. No board, commission, agency or authority of the state of Washington, nor the governing board, commission, agency or authority of any political subdivision exercising legislative, regulatory or directive powers, shall adopt any ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, order or directive, ex-

cept in a meeting open to the public and then only at a meeting, the date of which is fixed by law or rule, or at a meeting of which public notice has been given by notifying press, radio and television in the county and by such other means as may now or hereafter be provided by law: *Provided*, That this act shall not apply to the state legislature, the judiciary, or to those regulatory orders of quasi-judicial bodies applicable only to named parties as distinguished from orders having general effect on the public or a class or group.

Notice.

Exceptions.

SEC. 2. All meetings, regular and special, of any such board, commission, agency and authority are hereby declared to be public meetings, open to the public at all times: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to prevent any such board, commission, agency or authority from holding executive sessions, from which the public is excluded, for purposes other than the final adoption of an ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, order or directive.

Regular and special meetings are public meetings.

Executive sessions.

SEC. 3. The minutes of all regular and special meetings except executive sessions of such boards, commissions, agencies or authorities shall be promptly recorded and such records shall be open to public inspection.

Minutes; recording.

Public inspection.

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