AN ACT relating to state fiscal matters; increasing the membership of the legislative budget committee; amending section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1963 extraordinary session and RCW 44.28.010; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. Section 1, chapter 43, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 20, Laws of 1963 extraordinary session and RCW 44.28.010 are each amended to read as follows:

There is hereby created a legislative budget committee which shall consist of eight senators and eight representatives from the legislature. The senate members of the committee shall be appointed by the president of the senate and the house members of the committee shall be appointed by the speaker of the house. Not more than four members from each house shall be from the same political party. All members shall be appointed before the close of the 1967 session of the legislature and before the close of each regular session thereafter. Members shall be subject to confirmation, as to the senate members by the senate, and as to the house members by the house. In the event of a failure to appoint committee members, either on the part of the president of the senate or on the part of the speaker of the house, or in the event of a refusal by either the senate or the house to confirm appointments on the committee, then the members of the committee from either house in which there is a failure to appoint or confirm shall be elected forthwith by the members of such house.

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Sec. 2. This 1967 amendatory act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately.

Passed the Senate April 27, 1967.
Passed the House April 27, 1967.
Approved by the Governor May 3, 1967.

CHAPTER 115.

[Engrossed Senate Bill No. 645.]

DATA PROCESSING AND COMMUNICATIONS.

AN ACT relating to communications and data processing; providing for the acquisition, maintenance, coordination and utilization of data processing and communications equipment, services and systems by state and local governments; prohibiting abuses concerning communications; adding new sections to chapter 8, Laws of 1965 and to Title 43 RCW; making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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

Section 1. It is the purpose of this act to provide, through the central budget agency, for the efficient and coordinated utilization of data processing equipment, techniques and personnel to achieve optimum effectiveness and economy in collection, storage, interchange, retrieval, processing and transmission of information; to authorize development, implementation and maintenance of a coordinated state-wide plan for data processing and data communications systems; and to ensure that such systems shall serve the management and other needs of the legislative, executive and judicial branches of state and local government.