

ments as are authorized by said board; nor shall any member or employee of said board become an endorser or surety or become in any manner an obligor for moneys invested by the board.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 41.28 RCW a new section to read as follows:

In order that the intent of the legislature may be made clear with respect to investments, but without restricting the necessary flexibility that must exist for successful investing of the retirement and pension funds, the legislature makes this declaration of its desire that the investment authority shall give primary consideration to dealing with brokerage firms which maintain offices in the state of Washington so that the investment programs may make a meaningful contribution to the economy of the state. It is further the desire of the legislature that the retirement and pension funds shall be used as much as reasonably possible to benefit and expand the business and economic climate within the state of Washington so long as such use would be consistent with sound investment policy.

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CHAPTER 212

[Engrossed Substitute House Bill No. 828]
DATA PROCESSING--DATA PROCESSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
--LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION SYSTEM

AN ACT Relating to state and local government; prescribing powers, duties, and procedures concerning communications and data processing; creating a committee; establishing the legislative information system; adding a new section to chapter 157, Laws of 1951 and to chapter 1.08 RCW; adding new sections to chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.105 RCW; repealing section 3, chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 86, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (Engrossed House Bill No. 637) amendatory thereof, and RCW 43.105.030; and declaring an emergency and an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

There is hereby created a data processing advisory committee composed of the following: The lieutenant governor who shall serve as chairman of the committee, the commissioner of public lands, the superintendent of public instruction, the attorney general, the state treasurer, the state auditor, and the budget director who shall serve as executive secretary of the committee; seven members appointed by the governor as follows, three members who are directors or agency supervisors in state government, one member from local government representing cities, one member from local government representing counties, one member representing higher education and community colleges, and one member representing the judicial branch of government; five members representing the legislative branch of government as follows, the chairman of the legislative council or a member thereof appointed by him, the chairman of the legislative budget committee or a member thereof appointed by him, one member of the house of representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house, one member of the senate to be appointed by the president of the senate, and the state code reviser.

Members of the data processing advisory committee shall not be compensated for committee service: PROVIDED, That the committee by a majority vote of its members, may authorize the reimbursement of such members for subsistence and lodging expenses as provided in RCW 44.04-.120, as now or hereafter amended, and for travel expenses as provided in RCW 44.04.120, as now or hereafter amended.

Sec. 2. Section 4, chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 43.105.040 are each amended to read as follows:

For the purposes of this chapter the governor, and the budget director as representative of the governor, shall have the following powers to be exercised after consultation with the data processing advisory committee: PROVIDED, That with respect to such powers as they

directly affect the administration of the duties of an agency headed by an elective official such powers shall be exercised only after approval by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the advisory committee:

(1) To study, organize and/or develop automatic data processing systems to serve state-wide needs of state and local government agencies, to provide services of said nature, and encourage the development of functional and regional centralized systems;

(2) To delegate to any state agency, under appropriate standards, authority to purchase or otherwise acquire and maintain automatic data processing equipment: PROVIDED, That in exercising such authority due consideration and effect shall be given to the overall purposes of this chapter and the statutory obligations, total management and other needs of each agency;

(3) To make contracts, and to hire employees and consultants necessary or convenient for the purposes of this chapter, and fix their compensation; to enter into appropriate agreements for the utilization of state agencies and local government agencies, their facilities, services and personnel in developing and coordinating plans and systems, or other purposes of this chapter; to contract with any and all other governmental agencies for any purpose of this chapter including but not limited to mutual furnishing or utilization of facilities and services or for interagency or interstate cooperation in the field of data processing and communications; and

(4) To develop and publish standards to implement the purposes of this chapter including but not limited to standards for the coordinated acquisition and maintenance of data processing equipment and services; requirements for the furnishing of information and data concerning existing data processing systems by state offices, departments and agencies and local government agencies; and standards and regulations to establish and maintain the confidential nature of information insofar as such confidentiality may be necessary for individual privacy and the protection of private rights in connection with

data processing and communications ((*));

(5) To provide for the development of a set or sets of common data elements at state, local, and institutional levels including all institutions of higher education and community colleges, which shall be of the greatest practicable flexibility and universality so as to lend themselves to ready utilization by all branches and levels of government to improve the capability of such governmental agencies and institutions to more effectively allocate resources; and

(6) To establish priorities of informational needs and to develop a long range plan for the gradual implementation of the various portions of the management information system in accordance with such priorities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex: sess. and to chapter 43.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

It is the intention of the legislature that this chapter shall form the basis for the orderly and cooperative design and implementation of a state-wide information system to satisfy the requirements of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of state government. The requirements of each branch should be studied and defined and to avoid duplication in the capture, storage, and processing of data common to all, a single data base should be designed and implemented. Each branch should have full and private access to common data. All agencies of state and local government are encouraged to cooperate with and support the development and implementation of this data base. The legislature, recognizing the nearly infinite nature of state-wide information, encourages that priorities for informational needs be established in order to provide each successive legislative session with an increased amount of verified information in areas of current interest and an expanded data bank of readily accessible information. To implement this intention, the budget director shall have the authority after consultation with the data processing advisory committee to direct and require the submittal of data from all state agencies

including data from the state auditor concerning local government agencies.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. There is added to chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and to chapter 43.105 RCW a new section to read as follows:

This chapter shall in no way affect or impair any confidence or privilege imposed by law. Confidential or privileged information shall not be subject to submittal to the common data bank: PROVIDED, That where statistical information can be derived from such classified material without violating any such confidence, the submittal of such statistical material may be required.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 5. There is added to chapter 157, Laws of 1951 and to chapter 1.08 RCW a new section to read as follows:

The code reviser shall be in charge of and shall operate and maintain the legislative information system which shall provide automatic data processing services for the legislature and its various committees and, by agreement, for the judiciary and the legal or law-oriented agencies of the executive branch. All such operations shall be subject to the general supervision of the statute law committee. The statute law committee may employ or engage and fix the compensation for such personnel as may be required to plan, supervise, operate, procure, or supply such services. Pursuant to prior consultation with the data processing advisory committee, the statute law committee may enter into contracts with public or private vendors or purchasers for the sale, exchange, or acquisition of data processing materials, services, and facilities.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 6. Section 3, chapter 115, Laws of 1967 ex. sess., section 86, chapter ..., Laws of 1969 ex. sess. (Engrossed House Bill No. 637) amendatory thereof, and RCW 43.105.030 are each repealed.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 7. This 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 July 1, 1969: PROVIDED, That section 5 shall take effect immediately.

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CHAPTER 213
 [Substitute House Bill No. 90]
 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGES--NUMBER

AN ACT Relating to superior court judges; amending section 3, chapter 125, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 84, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and FCW 2.08.061; amending section 6, chapter 125, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 3, chapter 84, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.08.064; and amending section 7, chapter 125, Laws of 1951 as amended by section 1, chapter 159, Laws of 1955 and RCW 2.08.065.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

Section 1. Section 3, chapter 125, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 1, chapter 84, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.08-.061 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be in the county of King ((~~twenty-two~~)) twenty-six judges of the superior court; in the county of Spokane seven judges of the superior court; in the county of Pierce ((~~eight~~)) nine judges of the superior court.

Sec. 2. Section 6, chapter 125, Laws of 1951 as last amended by section 3, chapter 84, Laws of 1967 ex. sess. and RCW 2.08.064 are each amended to read as follows:

There shall be in the counties of Benton and Franklin jointly, ((~~two~~)) three judges of the superior court; in the counties of Clallam and Jefferson jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Snohomish ((~~five~~)) six judges of the superior court; in the counties of Asotin, Columbia and Garfield jointly, one judge of the superior court; in the county of Cowlitz, two judges of the superior court; in the counties of Klickitat and Skamania jointly, one judge of the superior court.