the minimum standard service authorized, the state shall not participate in the payment of any part of the cost.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. There is added to Chapter 36.24 RCW a new section to read as follows:

Whenever anyone shall die within a county without making prior plans for the disposition of his body and there is no other person willing to provide for the disposition of the body, the county coroner shall cause such body to be entrusted to a funeral home in the county where the body is found. Disposition shall be on a rotation basis, which shall treat equally all funeral homes or mortuaries desiring to participate, such rotation to be established by the coroner after consultation with representatives of the funeral homes or mortuaries in the county or counties involved.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. In class AA, class A, first, second and third class counties no person shall be qualified for the office of county coroner as provided for in RCW 36.16.030 who is an owner or employee of any funeral home or mortuary.

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CHAPTER 260
[House Bill No. 585]
JOINT COMMITTEE ON NUCLEAR ENERGY

AN ACT Relating to the legislature; creating a joint committee on nuclear energy; providing for the selection, term, and reimbursement of certain expenditures of the members of the committee, and conferring rights, powers, duties; and prescribing the functions of the committee.

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

NEW SECTION. Section 1. There is hereby created the joint committee on nuclear energy of the legislature of the state of Washington.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 2. The committee shall consist of four senators and four representatives who shall be selected biennially as follows:

- (1) The president of the senate shall nominate four members, two from each major political party, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the senate for confirmation.
  Upon confirmation, the senators shall be deemed installed as members.
- (2) The speaker of the house shall nominate four members, two from each major political party, to serve on the committee, and shall submit the list of nominees to the house of representatives for confirmation. Upon confirmation, the representatives shall be deemed installed as members.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 3. Members shall serve until their successors are installed as provided in section 2 of this act, at the next succeeding regular session of the legislature, or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. The committee shall fill any vacancies occurring on the committee by appointment from the same political party and legislative chamber as the departing member. Members filling vacancies shall serve until they or their successors are installed as provided in section 2 of this act or until they are no longer members of the legislature, whichever is sooner.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 5. The committee shall meet at each regular session of the legislature and at such other times and places as is necessary in carrying out its delegated duties.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 6. The committee shall make continuing studies of the problems relating to the development, use, and control of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes. In conducting its studies the committee shall work closely with the state office of nuclear energy development and may work with any other public or private organizations or individuals interested in the development of nuclear energy.

Effective liaison shall be maintained with the governor's advisory council on nuclear energy and radiation. The committee shall prepare an annual report to the legislature, and, from time to time report to the legislature any information deemed worthy of special attention, and any legislative action deemed necessary to enhance the broad purposes of RCW 43.31.280 and to maintain the state's position of leadership in the field of nuclear energy.

<u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 7. The committee may employ a staff director and such clerical and other assistants as it finds necessary or appropriate, and fix their compensation.

The office of nuclear energy development shall, upon request, furnish such technical and policy information and assistance as is necessary to carry out the purposes of this act.

The committee may utilize the services of the executive director of the office of nuclear energy development in the capacity of staff director.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 8. The members of the committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their expenses incurred while attending sessions of the committee or any subcommittee of the committee, or while engaged in other committee business authorized by the committee, as provided for in RCW 44.04-.120.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 9. All expenses incurred by the committee, including salaries and expenses of employees, shall be paid upon voucher forms as provided by the budget director and signed by the chairman of the committee. Vouchers may be drawn upon funds appropriated generally by the legislature for legislative expenses or upon any special appropriation which may be provided by the legislature for the expenses of the committee.

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